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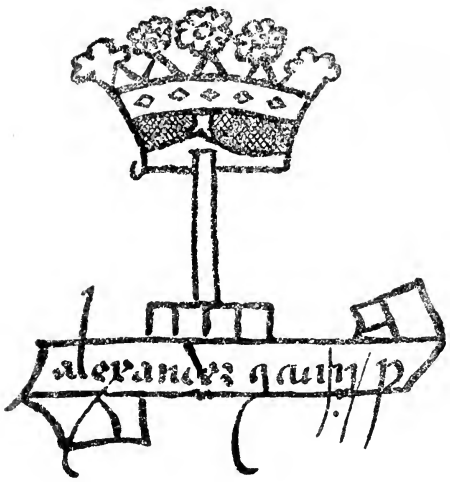

Quedam pene Domini nostri Jhesu Christi citra omnia vulnera ejus sequuntur.

Preputium simul exilium, cedem puerorum
Linquo, famemque sitim, sudores, frigora, verba
Acria cum colaphis, lapides, iter atque labores,
Triste cor et fletus, derisus, probra, procellas,
Imbres et ventos, jejunia, demonis artem,
Actus orandi vigiles, miracula, spreta,
Tedia, pauperiem, pensi vilipendia furis,
Fellis amarores, blasphemantes stolidosque,
Sepe sibi angores generantem plebis amorem,
Membra fatigata, Deus erumnas reliquasque
Humanas Domino non aptas sic quotiesque
Passus est pro nobis, ter denis, et tribus annis.

Numerus vulnerum Cristi sequitur
Quinquies M | c quater | bis terdecies | quoque quinque
Pro nobis Christus vulnera pertulerit.

Heu quare peccavimus cernentes Christum creatorem et redemptorem nostrum tot penas et vulnera pro nobis patientem, cum scriptum sit, Serviamus illi in sanctitate et justitia coram ipso omnibus diebus nostris.

q.[1] GAW, vicarius pensionarius de Abirnethy, anno 1545.

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CORRECTION.

Page 4, No. 14, lines 5 and 6.—Delete "witnesses," and read, "before the notary and vicar pensioner of Abirnethy, Alexander Gaw."

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1. Memorandum narrating that Janet Allirdes, relict of the late Henry Paige, in her widowhood, faithfully obliged herself for her life not to disquiet, disturb or molest Agnes Paige, relict of the late James Paige, mother of the said Henry, in peaceful possession of the half of one acre of the lands of Stedmuirland, lying in the sheriffdom of Fife and barony of Pitgorno, on the west side of the common way which goes to Pitlour, with the half portion of the house in which she dwelt, and half of the garden occupied by her. Done in the house of Andrew Stanis 9th January 1540. Witnesses, Alexander Ballincankcol of that Ilk, Alexander Sym, Thomas Bannathy, the said Andrew Stanis and Archibald Bykartoun, 2a.

2. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Scot, spouse of Cristina Clune, appointed Mr. David Gaw and Mr. Alexander Sibbald his procurators for acting him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews under pain of excommunication, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane and submitting himself to the jurisdiction of St. Andrews, to pay to James Brone at the next feast of St. Andrews the sum of £5 : 1 : 6 owing to him as a loan. Done 3rd May 1550. Witnesses, Sir Robert Laing and James Stanis, 2a.

3. Form of an Instrument narrating the compearance in presence of the notary of the bailies, council and burgesses of the royal burgh of .
[*Only a few lines of the Instrument are written.*] 2a.

4. Memorandum narrating that Mariot Maistertoun, relict of the late Andrew Hwneman, constituted Jonet Hwneman, her only daughter, her cessioner and assignee in and to the sum of £20 Scots to be taken from the readiest of the said Andrew's free goods in aid of her tocher. Done at Vester Casch 15th July 1544. Witnesses, John Greif, Archibald Lokart, John Morgoun and Walter Myllar, 2a.

5. Instrument narrating that James Clerk, burgess of Abirnethy, sheriff in that part under a precept by Queen Mary, directed to him and David Monypenny under the Quarter Seal as sheriffs of Forfar, Perth, Selkirk, Roxburgh and Berwick, [*a blank of a page being left for the precept, which is not ingrossed,*] gave sasine in virtue thereof to Sir Ninian Douglas, vicar of Stobo, as attorney of Archibald, Earl of Angus, in franktenement for his life, of the lands of the lordship and barony of Abirnethy with the regality of the same, mills, fishings, advowson of the provostry and prebendaries of the collegiate church, and other benefices, churches and chapels thereof, (the parish church of Abirnethy belonging to the monastery of Arbrothok excepted), lying in the sheriffdom of Perth. He also gave sasine of the barony to Sir Ninian as attorney for James Douglas, son and heir apparent of said Earl. Done 8th September 1547. [*The precept was probably dated 31st August* 1547. *Cf. Reg. Mag. Sig. Vol. IV., No.* 146.] Witnesses, Mr. Thomas Boid, provost of Abirnethy, Sir John Lam, Sir John Bonair and Sir William

Andirsoun, choristers of the College of Abirnethy, Sir Robert Criste, Robert Geddas, William Criste, Walter Pait, James Atkyn and George Archibald, 2b.

6. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, one of the bailies of Abirnethy and burgess thereof, gave to Elizabeth Henderson and her heirs whomsoever, sasine and possession of one particate or rood of lands of burgage of Abirnethy, a certain tenement lying at the west end of the burgh of Abirnethy on the east side of the common way thereof, between the lands of Henry Sharp on the south and the lands or tenement of the provost of Abirnethy on the north, with gardens, houses and buildings, two acres of the lands of Pitversy and her part of the common of Castellaw belonging to the lands, lying in the barony and regality of Abirnethy; which rood, tenement and others the said Elizabeth bought from John Rolland, the seller of the same, in terms of a charter made thereon. Done on 22nd November 1547. Witnesses, James Stevin, John Hendirsoun and Robert Geddas, 3b.

7. Memorandum narrating that John Quhit of Ester Lumbany gave sasine to Katherine Mailvyll, relict of the late Robert Quhite, of all the half of the town of "Knychttis potte," then occupied by Archibald Dundas, lying in the sheriffdom of Perth, in liferent for all the time of her life, according to a charter to be made thereon. He also obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to warrant her in peaceful possession thereof for her life, and warned Archibald Dundas to remove himself and his family therefrom at next Whitsunday, intimating that if he did otherwise he would summon him for violent possession. (*Cf.* No. 152 *infra.*) Done on 28th March 1548. Witnesses, John Vemys, Sir Stephen Culros, John Bait, Sir John Blak and Sir John Dempstartoun, 3b.

8. Memorandum narrating that William Bonair of Rossy compeared in the court of the stewartry of Fife, held in the Palace of Falkland by Michael Awery and Michael Balfour, deputes of Robert Betoun of Creicht, stewart of Fife, for defence of the cause and action moved against him by Mr. John Scrimgeour of the Myris "anent the clame and persuit of the commonte of the landis of Glastullo to pertene to the said Mr. Jhon be the ressoun of his landis of the Myris and the commonte of Rossy to pertene to the said Mr. Jhon be the ressoun of the landis of the third of Vester Rossy" as was alleged and contained in a precept by the stewart directed upon the queen's letters. He desired the judge, Michael Avery, "to purge him(self) of pareiall consall gevin be him to the said Mr. Jhon" in said cause, and on his refusal to do so desired him to be "repellit and exceptit to proceid in the said cause because he might nocht be juge in the said cause be the law because he vald nocht purge him of pareiall consall gevin thairintil, and protestit gif he set ony langar in the said caus for remeid of law and nullite of the process." He also propounded that if Mr. John or any tenants of his or his predecessors had any use or possession in the lands of Glastullo or Rossy Wester in pasturing their goods there, "he and thai had bot that use and possessioun of speciall leif and tolerance of him, his modir and predecessouris," and demanded a term to be assigned to him to prove the same, which being refused by the judge he protested as above. Done in the said palace on 9th February 1548. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Vaddirspoun, John Balfour of Bello, Michael Awery and Johne Schedo, 4a.

9. Instrument narrating that Elizabeth Dischingtoun, lady of Kinkel, faithfully obliged herself, her heirs, executors and assignees to pay to Elizabeth Creichtoun, relict of the late Vilhelm Dischingtoun, fiar of Ardros, the sum of 144 merks Scots at the feast of St. Michael in September next, for 5 chalders oats, two chalders bear, and 8 bolls bear without "cheritie"

("absque bato") for the rents of Estir and Vestir Rynd of crop 1547. She also obliged herself to cause George Dischingtoun, her brother, franktenementer of Ardros, Paul Dischingtoun, grandson of George, son and heir of the late William Dischingtoun, and James Moncreif, her son, to act themselves in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, for payment of the 144 merks, and appointed Messrs. Thomas Harvy, Thomas Ogilvy and William Fethe her procurators to act her in the said Official's books, under pain of the greater excommunication, &c. Mr. Alexander Creichtoun, rector of Abbatsroule, brother of said Elizabeth Creichtoun, asked instrument in his sister's name. Done on 6th March 1547. Witnesses, John Moir, James Quhitsoun, James Creichtoun, Robert Brewhous, John Lam, presbyter, Sir Robert Criste, presbyter, and John Ymre, 4b.

10. A note that Elizabeth Dischingtoun obliged herself to free and keep scatheless David Pittinbrog and David Cragdale at the hands of William Wallace, 4b.

11. Instrument narrating that Alexander Mortoun of Randerstoun, who was about to ride armed in the company of the king to fight against the English, feared death, and therefore for support and aid of his daughters Isobella, Janet, Margaret and Elizabeth, he moved by paternal affection, desiring the profit of his daughters in their marriages, and trusting in the good faith and justice of Mr. Alexander Mortoun, his second son, caused him by charters and sasines to be infeft in the fourth part of the lands of Randelstoun, one acre excepted, and in the half of his lands of Newtoun, two acres excepted, lying within the sheriffdom of Fife, for which infeftment Mr. Alexander bound himself, his heirs, &c., faithfully to pay and deliver the sum of 600 merks Scots to the said Isobella and her sisters in aid of their dowry, and also to give a sufficient reversion under his signature and seal containing the said sum to the heirs and assignees of his father for redemption of the said lands in case his father died in battle. He further bound himself, in the event of his father returning alive from war to his own property, to renounce all title to the lands and to resign and upgive them in his father's hands, the charters and precepts of sasine made to him in that event being of no avail. Should, however, his father not return from war but die therein, he and his heirs, &c., were to possess the said lands ay and till the heirs and assignees of his father redeemed them in terms of the reversion, the profits and fruits thereof being paid termly and yearly to the said Isobella and her sisters until the lands were redeemed by his father's heirs or renounced by his own heirs. Both parties craved instruments. Done in the chamber of Mr. David Setoun, vicar of Stramiglo, in the city of St. Andrews, 29th September 1542. Witnesses, the said Mr. David Setoun, Thomas Gardinar, his servant, and Thomas Dempstar, 5a.

12. Instrument narrating that Archibald, Earl of Angus, Lord Douglas, lord of the barony and regality of Abirnethy, and his tenants, parishioners of Abirnethy, and other parishioners of the same, compeared in the parish church of Abirnethy for the election of their parish clerk to serve the office of clerkship of the same, vacant by decease of the late Gilbert Geddes, last possessor thereof, and belonging to the election and votes of the Earl and parishioners of Abirnethy; which Earl and parishioners, with one consent and assent and without disagreement, chose a qualified man David Murray, son of David Murray, knight, of Arnegosk to their clerkship of said parish church, and gave him, so elected, their votes to possess and enjoy the office with all emoluments belonging to it, according to the ancient and praiseworthy custom of holy mother church; praying William, bishop of Dunblane, that he would admit him to said office and deign to grant him his ordinary confirmation, so that elected by the authority both of clergy and people he might peaceably enjoy the

clerkshlp with its rights and profits. Moreover the earl and parishioners bestowed upon David, chosen to be their true parish clerk of said parish church of Abirnethy, the stoup with sprinkler of holy water, as usual, in token of his possession of the clerkship with its fruits, no one contradicting or hindering. Done in the parish church of Abirnethy before the high altar, 11 A.M., 1st November 1548, 5b.

13. Memorandum narrating that George Anderson, one of the bailies of the burgh of Abirnethy, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to . . . Stevin, son and heir of his late father, . . . Stevin, of the burgh of Abirnethy, of a tenement and houses of a tenement, with buildings and yard lying in the burgh of Abirnethy, with two acres of land of lying (description blank); and that the said . . . Stevin resigned the said tenement and two acres in the bailie's hands in favour of James Stevin, brother-german of the said , to whom the bailie gave sasine in due form. Done on 5 November 1548. Witnesses, Walter Imre and Alexander Atkin, 5b.

14. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Orme, spouse of Robert Carmichell, asserted that the lord commissary of Dunblane took her oath as to whether she knew that her late spouse Gilbert Geddes was owing David Pittinbrog for any cause the sum of 36 shillings; and that, being sworn upon her great oath before the notary, witnesses and Alexander Gaw, vicar pensioner of Abirnethy, she swore that she knew perfectly that the said Gilbert did not owe the said sum to David Pittinbrog. Done on 13 April 1550. Witnesses, John Pittinbrog, William Rollak and Thomas Hawlie, 5b.

15. Memorandum of a contract between Alexander Donaldson in Laichthain and Jhon Donaldson, his son, on the one part, and Jonet Ventoun and Margaret Anderson, her daughter, on the other part, as follows:—"The said Jhon Donaldson sal mary, vil god, and have to vif the said Margaret Anderson in al gudly haist" and Alexander Donaldson shall resign his two acres of land and tenement belonging thereto, lying within the "bowrovage" of Falkland and sheriffdom of Fife into the bailie of Falkland's hands for sasine to be given to the said Jhon and Margaret, in conjunct fee, and "to the airis to be gotten betwixt thaim," whom failing to the heirs of the said Jhon whomsoever. Jhon and Alexander shall also "put the said Margaret in his sextene part of Laichthaine apon thare expenss" and as soon as the parties are married and Margaret "put" in said land, then "the sowmis of the tochyr gud sal be pait to the said Jhon incontinent." Alexander also overgives "his landis, all gudis, corn, cattel and insycht and dettis awand and to him" in the hands of John, he fulfilling the bond and promise made to him before Sir David Donaldson and the curate of Monymail. Done on 30th December 1549. Witnesses, David Dure in Mychthil, George Andirsoun, John Magus, Robert Andirsoun and John Vishart, 6a.

16. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Stanis, the king's bailie in that part, by earth and stone, gave sasine of the lands of Corstoun and commonty in the Lummondis, according to the tenor of his infeftment [*grantee's name not given, but see below*] made thereon, no one contradicting, with the solemnity of law used to be done in like cases. Done at the principal messuage of the lands of Corstoun 8th September 1540. Witnesses, John Archibald, Thomas Archibald and John Pitcarn, 6a.

17. Copy letter of bailiary of the lands of Corstoun by King James (the fifth) directed to Andrew Stanis, &c., sheriffs of Fife in that part, narrating that the king after his lawful age of 21, and his revocation, had given and granted to John Ramsay, great grandson, heir and successor of the late George Ramsay, his heirs and assignees, the whole lands of

Corstoun, with manor place, garden, orchard, &c., and commonty in the moors, mosses and hills called Lummondis adjoining the same, lying within the sheriffdom of Fife, as in the king's charter made thereon. The king directs sasine to be given in usual form. Under the quarter seal at Edinburgh 1st August 1540. a.r. 27, 6b.

18. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, burgess of Abirnethy, bailie of the queen in that part, as appeared to the notary from a precept under the quarter seal, gave sasine and possession, by delivery of thatch and turf (or peat), to William Moncrief [of that ilk] and Margaret Murray, his spouse, and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee for their lives, of the lands of Parkhil, with meadow, garden and orchards of the same, the wood of the lands called "Irneschip" (*sic. but in charter R.M.S. Vol. IV. No.* 610 "*Irnside*") and the rock called "Mariscraig," lying within the sheriffdom of Fife. The bailie afterwards gave to William Moncrief, son and heir apparent of William and Margaret, heritable sasine of the said lands. Done on 6th June 1551. Witnesses, Archibald Dundas, James Moncreif, Thomas Rolland, Robert Blak, John Thomsoun, Hugh Thomsoun and John Vatsoun, 6b.

19. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, burgess of Abirnethy, bailie in that part of Archibald, Earl of Angus, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to John Rolland, attorney in that part of Thomas Ross and Elizabeth Douglas, his spouse, and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, of the lands of Ballincroch, Fidlairland and Pitvessie, with tenement, yard, &c., lying within the sheriffdom of Perth and barony and regality of Abirnethy, in terms of a charter made thereon. Elizabeth Henderson solemnly protested that the sasine taken of Pitvessy should not prejudice her tack over said lands of Pitvessy, with houses, &c., and James Pitcarne likewise, in name of Andrew Pitcarne, his son, protested that it should not prejudice his son's tack of Ballincroch and Fidlairland. Done on 15th October 1551. Witnesses, Henry Andirsoun, John Ymre, John Lamme, Henry Tailzour and Sir Robert Laing, 6 b.

20. Memorandum narrating that James Carmichell renounced right and title of the tack of those lands of Carpow, occupied by Elizabeth Carmichel, his sister, in favour of William Bykartoun of Vester Casch and the said Elizabeth, his spouse, in good of marriage to be made betwixt them. The said William also obliged himself faithfully to infeft his spouse in the lands of Vestir Casch in conjunct fee with him, her spouse, and to find caution for doing so so soon as he should have infeftment and entry thereto. Done on 11th March 1549. Witnesses, Andrew Athoun of Dunmur, Robert Carmichell, Sir James Bykartoun, Robert Symsoun and Andrew Bykartoun, 7a.

21. Memorandum "to mak ane instrument that Jonet Abirnethy tuik sasing of two ruid of land by and betwix the landis of Margaret Abirnethy, hir sister, and hir spous, Jhon Tod, at est and vest," 7a.

22. Memorandum narrating that Martin Marne, John Ymre, William Ymre, John Dribrucht and John Ranken, Lauchland, appointed Messrs Thomas Harvy, William Arthour, David Gaw and David Ogylvy as their procurators to act them conjointly in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, under pain of excommunication, to pay to Sir John Lam, vicar of Rynd, and to John Logan (?), his factor, the sum of victual of "feir" at Lammas, as it happens to be made, and that for nine bolls of oats and more, as they receive more or less, at Martinmas next. Elizabeth Dischingtoun of Estir Rynd appointed the same procurators to act her in the same books for relieving and keeping scatheless her cautioners. Done on 7th April 1550. Witnesses, Sir John Lam in Abirnethy, Sir Andrew Gylmour, Thomas Maling and David Dischyngtoun, 7a.

23. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Ballincankcol gave, by delivery of thatch and turf ("tecti et cespitis"), possession and sasine to Walter Ballincankcol, his son, of the lands of Carrinzane, according to letters made to him. He also gave to Henry Ballincankcol, by thatch and turf, possession of the lands of Carmoir, according to his letters made to him. Done on 10th April 1550. Witnesses, Sir John Paige, John Thomsoun and Walter Kelle, 7b.

24. Memorandum narrating that John Bait, burgess of Newburgh, resigned his tenement, lying on the south side of Newburgh, with houses, yards, &c., between the lands of Sir Stephen Culros on the west, the lands of Alexander Clerk on the east, the wood of Lundoris on the south, and the common highway on the east (*sic ?* north), in the hands of James Andirson, one of the bailies of Newburgh, in favour of Elizabeth Scot, his spouse, for sasine to be given to himself and Elizabeth in conjunct fee. The bailie gave sasine accordingly, by earth and stone, in terms of their old infeftment. Done on 13th February 1549. Witnesses, Stephen Orme, John Pakok, Thomas Litiljhon, Mathew Howy, David Pitcarn and William Hartished, 7b.

25. The same day, Katherine Vilsoun, of her own will, obliged herself to infeft the said John Bait in the lands and tenement lying in Newburgh, belonging to her by decease of Richard Vilsoun, her father, for a composition of money to be made between them, so soon as she should be infeft therein. Date and witnesses same as in preceding writ, 7b.

26. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Leslie, relict of the late Thomas Hamiltoun of Balbyn, delivered to James Heriot of Strabroun (*sic*, Trabroun), executor and tutor testamentar of said Thomas, as bairns' goods to the children of the said Thomas contained in his testament, namely, eleven ploughing oxen, five brood cows with their followers, "ane ferro kow wytht ane styrk, ane zeld kow schamenlo and ane bul ox geldit of iiii yeir ald ; Item thre stottis of zeir aldis outgane and ane beld stot of ii zeir ald ; Item auchtene vedderis ; Item four rammys ; Item of gymmyr and dunmontht and trintell thre scoir ; Item of mylk yowis four scoir." She also delivered to him in name of the said children two horses and one part of the lands of Balbyn and Drumcarne, and he in their name thankfully received the said goods, cattle, sheep and horses, and also the lands in name of the heir of Thomas. Elizabeth protested "for nullite of al maner of violance" in time past, and the goods, &c., to be forthcoming to the use of the bairns, and the profit of the land to be forthcoming to the heir or heirs of Thomas. Done on the 12th and 13th days of July 1549. Witnesses, James Fuddas, Alexander Allasoun, William . . . , Thomas Allasoun, James Scot, Alexander Ross, Sir James Conquergud and George Heriot, 8a.

27. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Donaldsoun, burgess of Falkland, resigned, by staff and baton, his whole tenement, back and fore, with houses, &c., and two acres of land, lying within the burgh and burgage of Falkland, between the lands of Ninian Lawson on the west part, the lands of Thomas Malin on the east, the lands of Michael Avery on the south, and the common street of the burgh on the north, in the hands of Hugh Leirmont, one of the bailies of Falkland, in favour of John Donaldsoun, his son, and Margaret Anderson, his spouse, for sasine to be given to them and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, and to the heirs procreated or to be procreated betwixt them, whom failing to the heirs of said John whomsoever ; which resignation being made the bailie gave sasine accordingly, by earth and stone, as in the old infeftment. Done on 13th January 1549. Witnesses, George Andersoun, John Schedo, Sir James Toucht, notary, and Robert Schedo, 8a.

28. Memorandum narrating that Henry Wardlaw, fiar of Torry, lord of the mains lands of Inchgaw, by earth and stone, gave sasine to David Murray of Arnegosk, knight, and to Nicholas Artht as procurator for Jonet Lindesay, spouse of the said David, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, of the east half of the mains lands of Inchgaw, lying in . He also gave to David Murray, younger, lawful son of said David and Jonet, sasine, by earth and stone, of said lands. Done on 31st October 1549. Witnesses, Henry Bannathy, John Vardlaw, David Reddy, Robert Rychartsoun, Thomas Fermour and Robert Chaipman, 8b.

29. Memorandum narrating that Mr. David Ramsay of Ballingry confessed that he had received, in pure gold and silver, the sum of 100 merks Scots from Henry Vardlaw, fiar of Torry, for redemption of the lands of Navite, redeemed by the said Henry from him and his heirs. He, therefore, for himself and his heirs, &c., renounced the right, title, &c., of the said lands, charter, precept of sasine, instrument of possession and other evidents made to him thereanent, and annulled the same, with the exception of a tack of the lands of Navite, made to him for thirteen years from this date. Done on 31st October 1549. Witnesses, Sir James Stanis, Henry Bannathy, John Vardlaw in Balbegye, David Reddy and Robert Rychartsoun, 8b.

30. The same day, in presence of Henry Vardlaw, fiar of Torry, Henry Bannachy and . . . Brown and others, the notary gave institution or possession to Sir James Stanis of an annual pension of the parish church of Ballingry, and erected him to be vicar pensioner of the vicarage of said church for the whole time of his life, in terms of a letter of pension by the Archbishop of St. Andrews, under his round seal and the subscription of Mr. Andrew Oliphant, notary public, in form of an instrument made to Sir James thereupon, 8b.

31. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, burgess of Abirnethy, bailie in that part of Archibald, Earl of Angus, as appeared by the earl's precept of sasine, passed to the ground of the fourth part of the lands and town of Nedder Abirargye, and by authority of his office, gave, by delivery of thatch and turf, sasine and possession to Patrick Sleicht and Mariota Cockburn, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, for their lifetime, of the said lands of Neddyr Abirargye, in the barony and regality of Abernethy and sheriffdom of Perth; and that he then immediately gave sasine heritably, by earth and stone, of said lands to John Pittinbrog, attorney of Patrick Sleicht, son and heir apparent of the elder Patrick and Mariota, in terms of said precept and charter made to them thereon. Done at Nedder Abirargye 19th November 1549. Witnesses, Allan Fergus, Robert Vigtoun, Andrew Ymre, Michael Peirsoun and Gilbert Mertyn, 9a.

32. The same day, the said bailie passed to the ground of the half town and lands of Mundy, and there, by authority of his office, gave sasine, by thatch and turf, to the said Patrick Sleicht, elder, and Mariota Cockburn, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee for their life, of the half town and lands of Mundy in the said barony and sheriffdom, in terms of the said precept and charter made to them thereupon. The bailie likewise gave to John Pettinbrog in name of Patrick Sleicht, junior, son and heir apparent of Patrick Sleich, elder, sasine of same lands, by earth and stone, in terms of precept, charter and old infeftment. Done at Mundy same date as above. Witnesses, Vilzam Mertyn, Villiame Ymre, Pattoun Henry and Jhon Pattoun, 9a.

33. Memorandum of a contract betwixt "Jhon Balvard in Glentarke and Mr. David Balvard, his sone, persone of Sanct Modoice," on the one part,

and "Elizabeth Henderson, the relict of vmquhil Gilbert Clerk," on the other part, as follows:—"Petir Balvard, son of the said Jhone, sall mary, vil god, and have to vif Beatrice Vemys, dochter of the said Elizabeth, and vyht hir contract matrimone and solemnizat the samyn in face of haly kyrk in al gudly haist," for which Elizabeth, "on hir expense," shall put Peter and Beatrice in her tacks of Brodail and Hawtoun, reserving the profit to herself for her lifetime, and also put them in conjunct fee, and their heirs, whom failing her own heirs whomsoever, in "hir twa akir of land vyth tenement, barne, housis, kyl and zardis," reserving the frankteneement to herself for her life. The said Jhon Balvard and Mr. David, his son, for the said "rovmis," lands and profits, oblige themselves, their heirs, &c., to pay to Peter and Beatrice, their heirs, &c., the sum of £100 Scots, and Mr. David and Walter Balvard, his brother, "on thair expense," shall also put Peter and Beatrice and the longest liver of them and their heirs, and failing thereof, Peter's heirs whomsoever, in the tenement, houses and lands of Pitvessy, lying within the burgh of Abirnethy and barony and regality of the same; "and gif it sal happin that the said Petir and Beatrice, his vif, can nocht agre in househald wyth the said Elizabetht," then the latter shall renounce her profits of the lands of Brodail, and also her frankteneement and profit of the tenement and two acres of land, "plenist wyth seid and cattell to teyl thaim wyth." Jhon Balvard and his wife [*name not given*] shall also renounce their frankteneement and profit of the tenement and lands of Petvessy, to Peter and Beatrice for their "sustentatioun," and when Elizabeth deceases "sche sall leif the rovmys of Brodayl and Hawtoun plenist wyth corn and cattell" to Peter and Beatrice. The parties bind themselves to observe the contract, and appoint Mr. David Gaw, James Rolland and David Spens as their procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane and submitting to that of St. Andrews. Done on 7th April 1549. Witnesses, James Pitcarn of Innernethe, John Vemys, Andrew Pitcarn, John Spens, Walter Balvard, Sir William Hendersoun and Robert Allane, 9b.

34. Memorandum narrating that Henry Vardlaw, son, heir and assignee of John Vardlaw, frankteneementer of Brountoun and fiar of Torry and of the heritage of the same, personally compeared in the parish church of Clachtmannan, and there, upon the altar of St. Ninian, counted and caused to be counted the sum of 240 merks and also produced for redemption of the lands of Gillandirstoun and Drumfyn and placed on said altar an instrument of warning, under the sign and subscription of Sir Thomas Malcum, notary public, letters of reversion under the seal of the late James Schaw of Sauchy, knight, and letters of assignation under the seal and subscription of the said John Vardlaw, his father, which letters of premunition, reversion and assignation he caused to be read and published by the notary and required James Schaw of Sauchy, knight, Eleson Hwyme, his spouse, and their heir or heirs, assignee or assignees, to receive the said 240 merks for redemption of said lands, according to the tenor of the letters of reversion made thereon, with letters of tack according to the reversion. Further narrating that he offered himself ready to fulfil the reversion, and remained at the said altar of St. Ninian, with the said sum counted on the altar and the letters of reversion for the redemption of the lands, until after sunset, when he offered the money with letter of tack to the curate of Clachtmannan for the time, specified to receive them if the other party fraudulently absented themselves from receipt, who refused to accept. He thereupon consigned the money, &c., in the hands of James Prestoun of Valefeild as in sure keeping, for behoof of party, and protested for lawful redemption and remedy of law, &c. Done on 10th November 1549. Witnesses, James Prestoun of Valefeild, John Reddy, Cristall Knowis, James Dane and Sir Andrew Dyisdail (Drysdail?), co-notary, 10a.

35. Memorandum narrating that John Laithresk of Orky passed in his own person at the making of these presents to six acres towards the sun, lying about the Mill of Lauthresk, occupied by James Spens, John Cant, Besseta Broun and John Hwneman, and gave sasine, by earth and stone, to Henry Wallinch and Margaret Balvard, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, of the said six acres, in terms of a charter to them. Done on 26th May 1547. Witnesses, Alexander Hay, Mr. David Balvard, James Spens, Alexander Hwneman and Henry Ymre, 10b.

36. The same day, the said John Laithresk passed to the principal messuage in which John Hwneman dwelt, and there gave possession of other six acres of land, lying about the Mill of Lawithresk towards the shadow, to Jonet Hay, his spouse, for her lifetime, by delivery of thatch and turf. Same date as above, 10b.

37. The same day also, the said John Laithresk gave sasine, by earth and stone, to David Sibbald, son of Jonet Hay, his spouse, of two acres of lands called the 'mylle croft,' lying in the barony of Laithresk and sheriffdom of Fife, between the lands of Hoylcatil on the east, the lands of Pittyntoscall on the south, the lands of Orky on the west, and the houses of Hoylcatil on the north, according to a charter to be made thereon, reserving the franktenement and profit thereof to himself for his life. Done on the ground of said lands same date as above, 10b.

38 Memorandum narrating that Henry Vardlaw, fiar of the mains lands of Inchgaw and Torry, by thatch and turf, gave sasine to David Murray of Arnegosk and Jonet Lindesay, his spouse, (Thomas Fermour being her attorney), and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee for their life, of the west half of the mains lands of Inchgaw; and then gave sasine of the same lands to William Murray, lawful son of said David and Jonet, by earth and stone. Done on the lands 3rd June 1549. Witnesses, James Vilsoun, William Vardlaw, Sir John Paige, John Vardlaw, Robert Chaipman, Broun and Walter Knowis. 11a.

39. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Hendirson, relict of the late Gilbert Clerk, of her own free will, gave up and resigned her tenement, with houses, barn, kiln and yards, lying on the west side of the burgh of Abirnethy, with two acres of lands lying in Petversy, in the hands of John Vemys, one of the bailies of Abirnethy, in favour of Beatrice Vemys, her first born daughter, and Peter Balvard, her spouse, for sasine to be given to them, in conjunct fee, reserving the franktenement of the whole to herself, for her life; upon which resignation the bailie gave sasine to Beatrice and Peter, by earth and stone, under the above reservation. Done on 29th May 1549. 11a.

40. Instrument following upon and narrating letters from Chancery in form of a precept of sasine (dated at Edinburgh 23rd October a.r. 6 (1548)), by Mary, Queen of Scots, addressed to the sheriff and his bailies of Kinross, stating that it was found by an inquest made by Mr. John Sinclair, sheriff depute of Edinburgh, and Richard Multrare, sheriffs of Kinross in that part, and retoured to chancery, that the late William Dischingtoun, fiar of Ardros, father of Paul Dischingtoun, bearer of the presents, died last vest and seised as of fee at the peace of the queen under her standard at the battle field of Pinkiecleucht, in the whole lands of Collennathiis, with tenants, tenandries, &c., (*Cf.*, *Exchequer Rolls*, *Vol. XVIII.*, *pp.* 445, 446), and in the whole lands and barony of Claschedugly with mills, &c., that the said Paul Dischingtoun was his lawful and nearer heir therein, that he was of lawful age and that they were held of the queen in chief. She, therefore, commanded the sheriff to give sasine to the said Paul of said lands and barony, taking security for £22 of the rents of Collennathiis, being in her hands for the space of one year last past, sasine unrecovered,

two pair of gilt spurs for duplication of the blench farm, £10 for the rents of the lands and barony of Claschedugly, in her hands for said space, and £10 for relief of the same. Sasine given by Henry Douglas of Anacrocht, sheriff in that part, in usual form. Done at the principal messuages of the lands at 10 and 11 a.m., 27th October 1548. Witnesses, David Dischyntoun, George Hendersoun, Cristall Redpecht, Stephen Gourlay, John Bontavern, Henry Patersoun, Mr. Thomas Lindesay and Andrew Huttissone, 11b.

41. Memorandum narrating that John Hendirsone, bailie in that part of Robert, Abbot of the Monastery of Balmerinocht, and convent of the same, in terms of a precept shown to the notary, personally passed to the principal messuage of the lands of Neddyr Pitgrugny, and there, upon the lands, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to John Huggoun and Margaret Fenesoun, his spouse, and the longest liver of them, in conjunct fee, of the lands of Neddyr Pitgrugny, lying in the barony of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Perth, according to the said precept and a charter of feufarm by said Abbot ; reserving, however, franktenement and profit of the lands of Helen Clune, mother of John Huggoun, for her lifetime. Margaret Fenesoun obliged herself to resign the third part of the lands in favour of the heir procreated or to be procreated betwixt them, if she should marry after her husbands' death, and he in like manner obliged himself to resign a third part in the event of his re-marriage. Done on 17 July 1545. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Boid, Robert Criste, James Clune, John Fenesoun and David Matho, 12a.

42. Memorandum narrating that Cristina Rankin resigned her ten shillings worth of the north quarter of Ouchtermukty, with tenement of the same, in the hands of James Robertsoun, one of the bailies of Ouchtermukty, in favour of Helen Styrk, her daughter, and her heirs, reserving to the resigner the franktenement and profit thereof, and that the bailie gave sasine to her said daughter of said lands and tenement, by earth and stone, reserving as above. At the same time Jonet Styrk, alleging herself heir of said lands and tenement, and John Bain, her husband, protested that the sasine should not prejudice them nor their heirs for remedy of law. Done at the said tenement 6th November 1551. Witnesses, Richard Maxvel, Patrick Rankin, Hugh Scrimgeour, Archibald Ballincankcol and Patrick Maxvel, 12a.

43. Memorandum of Contract between Hew Fenesoun and Robert Fenesoun, his son, on the one part, and Helen Clune and John Huggoun, her son, on the other part, as follows :—Robert Fenesoun shall marry, "in all gudly haist," Jonet Huggoun, daughter of Helen Clune, and also John Huggoun shall marry Margaret Fenesoun, daughter of Hew Fenesoun, who at his own expense shall put Robert and Jonet in his "tak and maling of Carpow," and in other tacks or "malingis" obtained by him thereafter. Helen Clune shall infeft John Huggoun and Margaret, his spouse, in conjunct fee, and the longest liver of them and their heirs gotten or to be gotten betwixt them, and failing them the said John's heirs whomsoever, in her feu lands of Neddyr Pitgrugny, reserving the franktenement to herself for her lifetime. Robert Fenesoun and Jonet Huggoun, his wife, and the longest liver of them and the heirs gotten or to be gotten betwixt them, whom failing Robert's heirs whomsoever shall enjoy Hew Fenesoun's tack of Carpow, he brooking the same for his life. The party failing shall pay to the party keeping the premises 200 merks Scots. The parties also appoint Sir James Blakvod, Mr. Malcum Drummond and Robert Leirmont as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of Dunblane. Done on 2nd June 1545. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Boid, Sir Robert Criste and James Clerk, 12b.

44. Memorandum narrating that George Monypenny, procurator of Mr. Henry

Bannavis of Halhil, obliged Mr. Henry, his heirs, &c., and Cristina Scheves, his spouse, obliged herself, and Mr. Henry and she were obliged for themselves, their heirs, &c., to give to Alexander Stirk, his heirs, &c., a letter of reversion, containing the sum of 80 merks for redemption of the lands underwritten from their hands, viz., 10 shillings' worth of land of the south quarter and all his outfield land pertaining to Alexander's "hail maling," five lands in the Cummyflet, "vthir half akir" (*sic but read* 1½, *R.M.S. IV., No.* 1288. "*Vthir half*" *may mean one and half, as German* "*anderthalb*") in the Lekky bank, a rig in Cowmedow, a "dail" in Somerlesour, a rig in Gibbis-dail, a "dail" in the east side of the "Braidmyre," a "dail" in Cummyflet and a rig in the butt in Inschelt. Done on 17th April 1545. Witnesses, John Setoun of Lavfres, Andrew Lummisden, William Bonar, Barnard Smyth, John Balfour, Alexander Scrimgeour and Mr. Henry Pitcarn, 12b.

45. The same day, the said Alexander Stirk gave sasine to William Bonar, attorney of Mr. Henry (Bannavis) and Cristina Scheves, present, their heirs, &c., of the above lands by resignation made in the hands of Henry Dempstartoun, one of the bailies of Auchtermukty, who, by earth and stone, gave to said attorney sasine of the above lands. Same date as above, 12b.

46. Memorandum narrating that John Dyk, bailie in that part of David, Earl of Craufurd, superior of the lands underwritten, delivered a precept of sasine (dated at Dunde 27th November 1547), sealed and signed by said Earl, to the notary to be read and published as follows, viz., David, Earl of Craufurd, &c., to Anthony Retray, Walter Scot and the said John Dik, his bailies in that part, narrating that by an inquest made at command of the queen by the sheriff of Pertht and retoured to her chancery, it was found that the late Robert Quhit, brother of John Quhit, bearer of the presents, died last vest and seised as of fee at the peace and fealty of the queen in the lands of Pitcoages, the fourth part of the lands of Pitfour beginning at the east, and the lands called "Cotterlandis," which are one part of the lands of Petcoages, containing 12 acres of land or more, lying between the Kirklands of the parish church of St. Modic on the west and the Kirklands of the chapel of St. Laurence and the lands of Carne on the south, all lying in the Earl's barony and lordship of Petfour and the sheriffdom of Pertht ; that the said John was his lawful and nearer heir therein, that he was of lawful age, and that they were held of the Earl in cheif. He therefore directed his bailies to give sasine of said lands. After the reading of the precept, the bailie passed to the ground of the lands named, and gave sasine, by earth and stone, and also solemnly enclosed the said John in the principal messuages of said lands, others being shut out. Done on 5th December 1547. Witnesses to the precept, Robert Maule of Panmure, Robert Carnegye of Kynnard, David Lindesay and Herbert Gledstanis, notary. Witnesses to the sasine, Gilbert Ald, Peter Dane, Alexander Smyth, Thomas Vychtman, Sir John Dempstartoun, Alexander Valcar, John Hog and John Grahame, 13a.

47. Copy of Letters patent by Queen Mary appointing attornies [*names not given*] to act for John Quhit of Estir Lumbany, in his affairs. Dated at Edinburgh, 21st November a.r.5 (1547), 13b.

48. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Forestair in Maw, bailie in that part of William Moncreif of that Ilk, (as appeared from a precept of sasine), passed to the lands of Kylgirstoun, then occupied by David Brewhouse and William Robertson, and there, by earth and stone, gave sasine thereof to Robert Quhit and Katherine Mailvyl, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, and to the heirs procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing to the heirs of Robert whomsoever. Done on 17th April 1546. Witnesses, Alexander Ogylvy, David Brewhous, David Brewhous, his son, John Read and Archibald Douglas, 13b.

49. Memorandum narrating that Peter Carmichel in Bagle, bailie in that part of Archibald, Earl of Angus, &c., as appeared from a precept of sasine by the Earl, passed to the principal messuage of the ground of the lands of Innernethy, and there, by earth and stone, gave to Andrew Pitcarne, son and heir apparent of James Pitcarn, and to Jonet Chalmer, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, sasine and heritable possession of the lands of Innernethy, lying in the barony and regality of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Pertht; reserving the franktenement and profit of the lands to the said James Pitcairn, father of Andrew, for his lifetime. Done on 29th January 1546. Witnesses, Mr. Dionisius Chalmyr, William Pitcarne, James Laing, Hugh Vilke, Andrew Laing and John Mak, 14a.

50. Memorandum narrating that David Dischingtoun obliged himself faithfully to remove himself, his wife and family and all his goods, moveable and immoveable, without further delay from the glebe ("gleba") and houses of the Kirkland of Kyrkpotty, and to leave them empty, void and redd in the hands of Paul Dischingtoun of Kyrkpotte before Martinmas next. The said Paul Dischingtoun, on account of the said David leaving said glebe and houses, obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to pay the whole rent of said glebe crop for the year 1547 to the vicar of Dunbarny and his factors, and to lease to him for his lifetime the Mill of Glendomyl (?), after the decease of his mother, for the usual rent. For observing the premises the parties appointed William Arthour and Thomas Harvy as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews. Done on 18th August 1547. Witnesses, Sir John Lam, Cristina Redpecht and Henry Broun, 14a.

51. Agreement between William Bonair of Rossy and Jhone Bonair, his brother, on the one part, and Jhone Balvaird, James Balvaird and Elspet Balvaird, on the other part, as follows:—Jhone Bonair sets in tack to Elspet Balvard, for the "hayl spaice of hir lif," his mill and mill lands called "Lumquhattis mylle, wyth hayll mowtry and girst thairof, wyth landis, toftis, croftis, howsis, biggynnis, zardis, wyth all pastour and lesouris," &c., and that for "the speciall fauour and luf that the said Jhon Bonair hes to the said Elspet Balvard, haveand hail purpose to contract mariage wyth hir and solemnizat the samyn in face of haly kyrk in all gudly haist," the said Elspet paying yearly, for her life, to the queen and her successors 11⅓ merks of yearly rent, with a dozen of capons, in terms of the said Jhone's charter thereon. For which causes "and for the luf and kyndnes that the said Elspet hes to the said Jhone and purpos to contract mariage wyth him" she of her own free will grants to him and to their "barnis," her "kyndnes" of the tack of the lands of Pitmeddyn, to take the "samyn stedding" of Pitmeddyn to himself and her in feu and heritage or in tack and to their heirs. John and Elspet shall marry "in al gudly haist" and he shall resign the mill and mill lands in the queen's hands within 40 days after this date, that he and Elspet may be put in conjunct fee of the same. William Bonair of Rossy, of his own will, has become cautioner and surety to pay all sums and goods to the late John Arnot's four bairns belonging to them by their father's decease and his testament, while John Bonair obliges himself to keep his brother William scatheless at the said four bairns hands. The conjunct fee of the mill is "to be apon Elspettis espensis" and the feu or tack of Pitmeddyn to be at John Bonair's expense. The parties also appointed Mr. William Arthour and James Rolland as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, and submit themselves to the jurisdiction of St. Andrews, prorogating the same, and renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane. Done at 6 A.M. 28th May 1545. Witnesses, William Bonar of Rossy, James Balvard, Mr. David Balvard, Alexander Myllar, William Lummysden, John Myllair, William Thomsoun and Patrick Broice, 14b.

52. The same day, the said John Bonair personally passed to his mill of Lumquhattis, and there, by delivery of thatch and turf, gave sasine thereof, with lands belonging thereto, to Elizabeth Balvard for her lifetime, in her pure widowhood, according to letters of tack made by him to her. Date and witnesses same as in preceding writ, 15a.

53. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Boid, rector of Carmichell, acknowledged that he had received from John Balvard in Glentarke the sum of 24 merks for rent of Pittinbrog, belonging to the prebendary of the same, for two years immediately preceding Whitsunday before this date; and discharged and quitclaimed him thereof. Done in the cemetery of the parish church of Abirnethy 30th May 1545. Witnesses, James Clerk, John Wemys, George Andirsoun, William Duncan, Sir George Boid, John Vischart and Sir Alexander Valcair. 15a.

54. Memorandum narrating that James Pitcarne and Andrew Pitcarne, his son and heir apparent, of Innernethy, obliged themselves, their heirs, &c., to pay and deliver upon the ground of the lands of Drungy, to John Pitcarne of Drungy, his heirs, &c., four bolls oatmeal of sufficient marketable quality and measure for the remainder of the rents of the half of Drungy, which Andrew Pitcarne and Jonet Chalmer, his spouse, bought from him under reversion. The said four bolls were to be paid yearly at Candlemas to the said John Pitcarne, until the redemption of the half of said lands from the hands of Andrew and Jonet. For observing the premises, James and Andrew appointed Mr David Gaw, James Rolland, Walter Fethe and John Fethe as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, submitting themselves to his jurisdiction and renouncing that of Dunblane. Done at Estir Pitlour 25th February 1546. [*This entry is scored through in the original and said to be deleted by consent of parties.*] Witnesses, Mr. James Rolland, Mr. Robert Lawsoun, Mr. Dionisius Chalmyr and John Don, 15b.

55. The same day, Cristina Muschet, spouse of John Pitcarne of Drungy, apart from the presence of her husband, renounced her conjunct fee of the half lands of Drungy, swearing upon her great oath never to come in the contrary of the renunciation and that she was and is uncompelled to make it. If this renunciation should not be found sufficient, she was to renounce of new and make lawful renunciation before a judge competent. She also appointed the same procurators to act her as above. Same date as above, 15b.

56. The same day also, Andrew Pitcarne obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to Mr. Dionisius Chalmer that after the said half lands of Drungy shall be redeemed from the hands of the said Andrew and Jonet Chalmer, his spouse, sister of Mr. Dionisius, he shall, forty days after redemption, place 240 merks upon other lands if he can have them and shall infeft himself and his spouse in those lands as she was infeft in the half of Drungy, with advice of John, abbot of Lundoris and Mr. Dionisius, her brother, or at least the money shall be kept for the use of Jonet until land shall be bought with it, as it was part of her dowry. He also obliged himself to fulfil the premises under a penalty of 300 merks to be paid to the said Mr. Dionisius Chalmer. Witnesses and date same as in No. 54, 15b.

57. Memorandum narrating that George Andirson, burgess of Abirnethy, upgave and resigned nine acres of lands, lying within the burgage and barony of regality of Abirnethy, with tenements, houses, &c., in the hands of James Clerk, one of the bailies of Abirnethy, in favour of Katherine Lyell, his spouse, for sasine to be given to them and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, and the heirs between them gotten or to be

gotten, whom failing to his own heirs whomsoever; upon which resignation the bailie gave sasine accordingly, in terms of the old infeftment of burgh, burgages and burgesses, made to them thereon. Done on 18th November 1545. Witnesses, William Banegaw, John Duncan, James Stevin and Michael Lyel. 16a.

58. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne of Drungy, lord of the lands of Estir Pitlour, passed in his own person to the ground of the lands of Estir Pitlour, and there at the north marches of the same, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to William Pitcarn, his son, of both halves of the lands of Estir Pitlour, in terms of charters made to him, reserving the franktenement of the lands to himself and Cristina Muschet for their lifetime. Done on 7th November 1551. Witnesses, John Balvard in Glentarke, Walter Balvard, his son and heir apparent, and Andrew Ballingaw, 16a.

59. Memorandum narrating that Jonet Styrk and John Bane, her spouse, resigned in the hands of James Robertson, one of the bailies of Ochtermukty, their tenement, with houses and yard, lying in the burgh of Ouchtermutky on the north side of the high street, "and twa riggis of land, ane in the Milflet and ane vthir in the Haugflet," (which rigs and tenement they held in liferent), in favour of Andrew Ballingall in Drumberro, to whom the bailie gave sasine, by delivery of thatch and turf, for the lifetime of the said Jonet and John, upon reversion of £10. They warranted the said Andrew in their lands for their lives, and if they died before payment of the £10, they obliged themselves, their goods, heirs and lands, and appointed Mr. David Gaw and Thomas to act them for payment of the £10 in the books of the Official of St. Andrews. [*On the margin*, "*and Richard Maxvel in name of his son protested for remedy of law*".] Done on said lands 6th November 1551. Witnesses, George Hady, bailie of Ouchtermukty, Hugh Scrimgeour, John Smart and Henry Sym, 16a.

60. Memorandum narrating that William Moncrief of that Ilk, Alexander Dundas of Fingask, William Dischingtoun, fiar of Ardros, and Mr. William Arthour, arbiters chosen between David Monypenny of Kinkel and Elizabeth Dischingtoun, his spouse, on the one part, and William Vallace, Elizabeth Anderson, his spouse, and Malcolm Vallace, son of William, on the other part, with consent of John, prior of Pittinweym, as oversman,—all debts, sums of money and goods being calculated and discussed, reasons given and received,—pronounced decreet and sentence, as follows :—David and Elizabeth, his spouse, to satisfy and pay to William, Elizabeth and Malcolm the sum of £30 Scots at terms to be fixed by the arbiters, and that William and Elizabeth shall remove themselves, their servants and goods at Michaelmas next. If the stooks ("segetes") are ready for leading from the ground and lands of Estir Rynd, so that the ground be left void of William's goods, except the stooks to be removed at the will of said prior and the laird of Moncreif, David Moncreif may intromit with the said lands at Michaelmas and May, and till and labour them without any impediment to be made by Wallace, the said David Moncreif not molesting him in any way in removing his goods. The parties exonerate each the other of all question, pleas, &c., before any judge and letters executorial previous to this date for any cause. They also asked instruments and subscribed, together with the arbiters and oversman, a former abbreviate conform to this protocol. Moreover David Moncreif, David Monypenny and Elizabeth, his spouse, by this instrument, upon their oath, quitclaim and discharge William Wallace and Elizabeth Anderson, his spouse, of all loss given or done as to the deterioration and decay of houses, cutting of growing trees, destroying of stanks, broom, orchards and gardens, the away taking of turfs from shore ("cespitum marinorum")

and of any worsening ("pejoratione") of the ground of said lands of Estir Rynd. Done in the collegiate church of Abirnethy 21 June 1547. Witnesses, Archibald Moncreif of Litil Moncreif, John Murray, John Wemys and Walter Geddes, 16b.

61. Memorandum narrating that Euphame Vemys, relict of the late Peter Carmichel of Dron, acknowledged that she had received from the hands of William Lesslie in Heichhame the sum of 120 merks Scots in good money counted upon the high altar of St. Brigid within the parish church of Abirnethy, for redemption of the lands of Pitbla and Monquhirry, which she and her husband had in alienation from George, Earl of Rothes. She delivered to the said William Lesslie the charter, precept and instrument of sasine made to herself and spouse, and acknowledged the lands to be lawfully redeemed. She also faithfully obliged herself to renounce right and title to said lands of Pitbla and Monquhirry as soon as the said William Lesslie should give to her a letter of tack for the space of years (*sic.*) contained in her reversion. At that time Peter Carmichel, asserting that he was heir apparent of the said elder Peter Carmichel, intervened and said that he had not consented to the redemption of the lands and because he was lawful and nearest heir of the elder Peter, his cousin ("patruclis,") he craved the money to be given to him, saying it belonged to him heritably, and protested for the same and for remedy of law before a judge competent. Wherefore Eufamia Vemys, receiver of the said sum of money, found David Spens of Conde, as cautioner for her, who acknowledged himself to be her surety that the money would be kept for said Peter and others having interest, she obliging herself to keep the said David Spens scatheless at the hands of Peter and others. Done in the parish church of Abirnethy 30th May 1545. Witnesses, Mr. John Spens, John Suentoun, David Spens, John Vemys, younger, John Vemys, elder, and Sir Robert Criste, 17a.

62. Note that "Andreo Lundy maid Villiam Moncreif, his assignay to xx. merkis vorcht of corn quhosoun it beis vyn, and at the ferrest at Mychelmes nixt the dait hereof." Done in the choir of the collegiate church of Abirnethy 5 (or 15) February 1555. Witnesses, Sir John Bonar, Sir William Pitcarn, Alexander Duncan and Andrew Velch, 17a.

63. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne of Drungy obliged himself, his heirs, &c.,—in the event of it happening that he or his son and apparent heir, Henry Pitcarne, or his other sons that may succeed to him in his heritage, by his or their default, do not "compleit and fulfil mariage wytht Jhon Quhit of Lumbany's eldest dochtter, callit Merabel Quhit, or his vtheris dochteris faling of hir," according to the contract of marriage made thereon, acted in the books of the Official principal of St. Andrews,—to pay to the said John Quhit the sum of £40 Scots for "costis, skaithes and expens tholit thairthrou." If the marriage be completed John Quhit discharges the £40 for ever "and at (that) the said contract of marriage be evir integrat and hail kepit be it self be baitht the saidis parties eftir the forme of the samyn but fraud or gylle." Done on 19th August 1541 in the notary's chamber at Strathmiglo. Witnesses, Mr. David Setoun, vicar of Strathmiglo, Sir James Grym, co-notary, David Balfour, William Pitcarne and Walter Scot, 17b.

64. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, one of the bailies of the burgh of Abirnethy, in terms of a charter by Archibald, Earl of Angus, made to Jonet Anderson, one of the daughters and heirs of the late Robert Anderson, her father, and spouse of Henry Kincragy, of the third part of all the lands and tenements of her father,—passed personally to the principal messuage of said lands and there, before the door of the same, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to the said Jonet of a whole third part of a tenement of her said father, lying in the burgh of Abirnethy,

between the tenement of the late Thomas Sibbald, now of William Vallace on the east, and the tenement of the late Gawin Duncan on the west, with yard, &c., fore and back, also of a whole third part of four acres of land, a third part of one third of an acre of lands of Pitversy and a third part of other two acres of Pitvessy, lying in the burgage of Abirnethy and in the barony of the regality of the same, with common pasture of Castellaw and Abirnethy, according to the charter. The said Jonet, on sasine being received, immediately resigned the said lands in favour of her son and apparent heir, John Hog, the bailie giving sasine to him accordingly, reserving the franktenement and profit thereof to her for her life. Done on 12th January 1547. Witnesses, Walter Geddas, John Vischart, Thomas Andirson and Walter Ymre, 17b.

65. Memorandum narrating that Patrick Vilsone, in his minority, son and heir of the late Richard Vilsone, his father, appeared in an open court held and fenced in the tolbooth of the burgh of Newburgh by the bailies of the same, and, of his own free will, chose, for his own profit and that of his heritage, John Quhit of Estir Lumbany and Thomas Litiljhon, his friend, as his curators, who were sworn in judgment to do for the evident profit of the young man, and accepted upon themselves the office of curators, by their oaths on the gospels. The said Patrick, a little after the receipt of heritable sasine of a tenement of 2 roods of land lying in the burgh of Newburgh, as contained in a public instrument, of his own free will, for his own behoof and with full consent of his curators, resigned his whole tenement and two perticates or roods of land lying within the burgh of Newburght, between the lands of John Lawson at the east, the wood of the Abbot of Lundoris on the south, the lands of Sir Stephen Culros on the west, and the common street of the burgh on the north, in the hands of James Andirsoun, one of the bailies of the burgh of Newburgh, in favour of John Bait ; which resignation being made, the bailie, standing at the door of said tenement, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to the said John Bait of said tenement and lands, in terms of a charter to be granted by said Patrick, and according to old infeftment of said burgh. Further, the said Patrick Vilsone, likewise with full consent of his curators, (resigned or upgave) all his heirship goods and the bairns' part belonging to him by reason of the death, testament and legacy of Richard Vilsone, his father, to the said John Bait, his brother on the the mother's side, for expenses to be made by said John in binding and serving Patrick apprentice to a good trade, by which he may keep his life from want. These things were done at said tenement on 16th November 1547. Witnesses, John Cawe, Mathew Howe, James Kylgour, David Kinlocht and John Andirsoun, 18a.

66. Memorandum narrating that John Broun in Arnegosk, bailie in that part of David Murray, knight, of Arnegosk, handed to the notary, to be copied and inserted in an instrument, a precept of sasine (dated at the manor of Balvard 8th May 1549) by the said David Murray, lord of the lands of Condeland, directed to Henry Ballincankcol and John Broun, his bailies, narrating that he had given to John Murray, his brother german, in liferent for his life time, his lands of Condeland, lying in the sheriffdom of Perth and barony of Arnegosk the tenants and their subtenants of his lands of Lathame, lying in said barony of Arnegosk and within the sheriffdom of Fife being excepted ; and directing them to give sasine. In terms of said precept the bailie passed to the principal messuage of the lands of Condeland, and before the door gave sasine, by earth and stone, to said John Murray for his life. Done on 8th May 1549. Witnesses to the precept, Andrew Murray, son and apparent heir of the said David, David Murray and William Murray, also his sons, Thomas Firmour and Mr. William Murray, treasurer of Dunblane. Witnesses to the sasine, Duncan Vilsone, John Barcla, Thomas Sennzeour, Robert Blak and Sir John Pitbladdo, 18b.

67. Memorandum narrating that Henry Vardlaw, fiar of the mains lands of Inchgaw, Torry and Brountoun, obliged himself, his heirs, &c., faithfully to pay and deliver to David Murray of Arnegosk, knight, at the feast of St. Peter, called "ad vincula," next following, the sum of 140 gold crowns, which, by his own confession, he acknowledged having formerly received as a loan in his necessity, when he was in custody and ward at Edinburgh, from the said David Murray. For fulfilling the premises the said Henry Vardlaw appointed Mr. William Arthour and Andrew Trayl as his procurators to act (him), his heirs, &c., in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay the said 140 gold crowns at said term. Done in the hall of the tower of Balvard 22nd May 1550. Witnesses, Henry Ballincankcol, Bartholomew Mwrysoun, Thomas Jhonsoun, Thomas Scot and Alexander Scot, 19a.

68. The same day, David Murray, knight, of Arnegosk, acknowledged that he had in his possession two reversions belonging to Henry Vardlaw, fiar of Torry, Inchgaw and Brountoun, made for redemption of the mains lands of Inchgaw, of which reversions, one contained 40 merks, made upon the whole west half of said lands of Inchgaw, and the other upon the whole east half of said lands contained also 40 merks. He obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to give to said Henry, his heirs, &c., the said two reversions made in due form, sealed and signed by himself, Jonet Lindsay, his spouse, and William Murray and David Murray, their sons, lawfully procreated between them, as being infeft respectively for liferent and heritage in all the said mains lands of Inchgaw. Providing, however, that the said Henry, his heirs, &c., shall pay to David Murray, his heirs, &c., the sum of 140 crowns in one day before the receipt of the two reversions; and that the said David, Jonet, his spouse, and William and David, their sons, shall be infeft in the lands of Gillandirstoun and Drumfyn before one reversion shall have power to redeem one-half of the lands. Same day, place and witnesses as above, 19a.

69. Memorandum narrating that George Pitgrunze, *alias* Orme, renounced a contract and contracts made to certain persons and specially to Egidia Lesslie, relict of the late Mr. Andrew Suentoun, Stephen Arnot, Stephen Arnot, his son, and Margaret Arnot, named in a contract made between said George and the said Egidia and Stephen Arnot; and that he revoked and annulled the said contract and invalidated it as to the promise of infeftment given to Egidia and Stephen in his lands of Estir Pitgrunze, because he had formerly made a promise to infeft Peter Balvard in said lands, five months or thereabout before the promise made to Egidia and Stephen, as appeared from contracts both to Egidia and Peter. Done on 15th July 1550. Witnesses, Mr. David Balvard, rector of St. Modoc, Hugh Fenesoun in Carpow, Thomas Bonetavern in Carpow, Lawrence Huggoun of Over Pitgrunze and Walter Balvard, 19b.

70. The same day, John Vemys, bailie of the Earl of Angus, gave sasine, by earth and stone, of the third part of the lands of Estir Pitgrunze, lying in the barony of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Perth, to George Orme, in terms of precept of sasine and old infeftment, who renounced as above. Same date and witnesses as above, 19b.

71. The same day, the said George Orme gave sasine and possession to Peter Balvard, without reversion, of the whole lands of Estir Pitgrunze, according to a charter of alienation and sale, granted by him to the said Peter Balvard and his heirs and a charter of confirmation by Archibald, Earl of Angus, ratifying the alienation, and in terms of the old infeftment over the said third part of the lands of Pitgrunze. Same date and witnesses as above, 20a.

72. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Thomas Boid, provost of the Collegiate

church of Abirnethy, appointed Sir Ninian Dowglas, vicar of Stobo, as procurator for resigning his benefice of his provostry of Abirnethy in the hands of Archibald, Earl of Angus, undoubted patron thereof, in favour of George Douglas, son of the said Earl. Done on 24th July 1550. Witnesses, John Banerman, John Wemys, William Bykartoun of Casch, John Guthre, Andrew Velcht and Sir John Bonair, 20a.

73. The same day, Mr. Thomas Boid appointed the said George Douglas his cessioner and assignee to claim and pursue before a judge competent William Scot of Balvery, knight, for all chalders and bolls of bear owing by him to the provost in years bygone before this date, with full powers. Same date and witnesses as above, 20a.

74. Memorandum narrating that "Isobelel Bannachy and Laurence Huggoun, on the ane part, hes chosin Hew Fenesoun and Sandie Allasoun for thaim, and Henry Andersoun, on the othir part, hes chosyn for him Jhon Wemys and George Andersoun, anent iii firlotis quheit and iii firlotis beir and ane boll of beir clamit be the said Henry and anent the clame of sex firlotis beir and sex firlotis quheit." Both parties appointed Mr. David Gaw and Mr. Thomas Harvy and shall compear next Sunday after date. Done on 28th July 1550. Witnesses, John Scot, William Broice and Henry Ymre, 20b.

75. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, burgess of Abirnethy, and John Duncan, to whom the mill of the provostry was let, became cautioners conjunctly and severally, together with Robert Andersoun for himself, his heirs, &c., for George Douglas, rector of Carmichel, to pay faithfully to Eufame Vemyss, her heirs, &c., the sum of "four scoir of merkis" Scots, on one day between this and Candlemas next, without further delay, which sum of 80 merks the said George Douglas acknowledged having received as a loan for his affairs from said Eufame in counted money. The cautioners, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane, appointed Messrs. James Roland, John Broun (?) and David Gaw as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay the said sum, and George Douglas appointed the same procurators to act him in said books to relieve his cautioners. Done in the choir of the parish church of Abirnethy 29th September 1550. Witnesses, James Clerk, Sir Robert Criste and William Farfar, 20b.

76. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne of Pitlour, by earth and stone, gave sasine to William Pitcarne, his son, of the lands of Estir Pitlour, upon reversion of 40 shillings in terms of a charter to be made. The said William, after sasine and possession taken by him of said lands, gave sasine of them, by delivery of thatch and turf, to Cristine Muschet, his mother, in liferent for her lifetime. Done on the ground of the lands 30th September 1550. Witnesses, Archibald Pitcarne, James Pitcarne and Henry Ymre, 20b.

77. Note that Jonet Duncan, relict of John Fyffe in Pitnamone, appointed Mr. Malcolm Drummon and Robert Leirmocht her procurators to answer before the commissaries of Dunblane at the instance of William Duncan. Done on 12th October 1550. Witnesses, Andrew Rwen, John Burt and Walter Stevin, 21a.

78. Memorandum narrating that William Duncan in Balmanno, for certain reasons, renounced the agreement made betwixt himself and Jonet Duncan, relict of the late John Fiffe, and David Fiffe, her son, in which agreement the arbiters for himself were John Bonar of Kilgirstoun, senior, Thomas Ra and Andrew Clerk, and the arbiters for Jonet and David were Andrew Bonetavern, Gilbert Bonar and John Clerk, without consent of oversman chosen by the parties. He appealed to the see

of Dunblane from the sentence of said arbiters for reasons to be inserted in a schedule of appeal, and he adhered to the decree of the Laird of Moncreif between the parties, for which reasons he annulled the last decreet made by the arbiters. Done on 1st December 1550. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, Sir John Pitcarne and Sir Robert Laing, 21a.

79. Memorandum narrating that Sir William Hendirson appointed his sister german, Elizabeth Hendirson, his assignee to four gold crowns of weight, owing to him by Sir Robert Rynd by reason of loan, to 12s. owing to him for liferent for terms bypast by Andrew Pillour (?) and John Smetoun, his cautioner, and to 6s. 8d. likewise owing to him for liferent for terms by past by John Hatmakar. Done on 2nd (or 22nd) September 1549. Witnesses, Sir John Pitcarn, Sir William Pitcarn and Sir Robert Laing, presbyters, and Gavin Ymre, layman, 21a.

80. Note that Sir Andrew Rynd, chaplain in Pertht, acknowledged that he had received in loan from Sir William Hendirson four gold crowns of weight, french money. Done in the chamber of Sir Robert Rynd, 25th June 1550. Witnesses, Peter Balvard, William Balvard, Gavin Ymre and Andrew Hendersoun, 21a.

81. Memorandum narrating that Robert Scot acknowledged that he had granted his permission to Egidia Lesslie and Stephen Arnot, her son, to labour and till two parts of Estir Pitgrugny, and denied that he had given to them right and title of his possession within the bounds of the lands, but promised that he would not cite or pursue them for the permitted labouring of the lands before any judges, because the lands were in dispute between him and a certain Peter Balvard. Before this permission granted to Egidia and her son, he acknowledged he had granted tolerance to Peter Balvard to pasture beasts on the pastures of said lands, because both lands were in dispute between the parties, upon which the said Peter Balvard took instrument. Done in the house of John Vemys in Abernethy 1st January 1550. Witnesses, the said John Vemys, Thomas Bontavern, John Fenesoun and Robert Vemys, 21b.

82. Memorandum narrating that William Laing and Agnes Allasoun appointed as procurators to seek an apostolic dispensation from Mr. John Stevinsoun, precentor of Glasgow, to contract and solemnize marriage in face of the church, notwithstanding they are related in the fourth and third degrees of consanguinity, counting thus :—

Stipes, Alex. Allasoun on the other side } who begot John Allasoun, who begot Jonet Allasoun, who bore Agnes Scot, who bore William Laing. who begot William Allasoun, who begot Alexander Allasoun, who begot Agnes Allasoun.

Dated 4th January 1550. Witnesses, James Pitcarn of Innernethy, John Pittinbrog, James Scot and Mr. John Spens. Witnesses to swear to the consanguinity, Sir Robert Criste, Sir John Lam and Sir John Pitcarn, presbyters, and Hugh Fenesoun, 21b.

83. Note that James Atkin denied that he ever granted to any person his permission to till and labour the third part of the lands of Estir Pitgrugny, belonging to Peter Balvard, except to Peter only, as in the protocol of Robert Scot (*cf.* No. 81 *supra*). Done at the cemetery 15th January 1550. Witnesses, John Moir, John Vemys, James Clerk and John Balvard, 21b.

84. Memorandum narrating that it is appointed between Michael Lyel and Mariota Lyel, his daughter, on the one part, and Thomas Lessallis and James Lessallis, his son, on the other part, as follows :—James Lessallis shall marry the said "Marzon in al guidly haist," for which Michael shall pay to Thomas £40 "the morn efter thai be marreit," and 40 merks at

Martinmas 1551; "and the said Thomas sal put thaim in the schaddo half of Pitlour for v zeir takis, in the quhilk the said Thomas sal saw x boll quheit, xii boll beir and xl boll atis to thaim at their intres (entry), and sall have that hail crop and the teind for the payment efter the tenour of the letter of tak; and the said Thomas sal deliver at Michelmas nyxt to cum aucht oxen, ii hors and xxx zovis and x outcome scheip to thaim, ii ferow ky and one kow to the boyl." They also appointed Mr. Thomas Harvy and Mr. William Arthour as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane and of Dunkeld, and submitting them to the jurisdiction of St. Andrews. Done on 26th February 1550. Witnesses, David Cowper, John Scot, John Allane and George Andersoun, 22a.

85. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Lessalis and James Lessalis, his son, acknowledged themselves paid of the sum of £40 of one part of the dowry of Mariota Lyel, daughter of Michael Lyel, paid by the latter to them; and that they discharged and quitclaimed Michael, his heirs, &c., of said sum. Done on 17th June 1551. Witnesses, George Andersoun, William Broice and John Andirsoun, 22a.

86. Note that James Malice, burgess of Pertht, appointed Mr. James Rolland and John Broun as his procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews for paying to Sir Robert Criste the sum of £27 at the feast of St. Luke next to come, under pain of excommunication. Done on 15th June 1552. Witnesses, Alexander Ban, Thomas Bron, Thomas Makgibboun and John Ymre, 22a.

87. Memorandum narrating that it was appointed between John Fenesoun and Hew Fenesoun, his son, on the one part, and Robert Scot and Jonet Scot, his daughter, on the other part, as follows:—Hew Fenesoun shall marry Jonet Scot "in 'all gudly haist." John Fenesoun "shall put the said Hew, his sone, eftyr him in his takkis and steddingis that he hes of Carpow and Pitgrugny and Ferefield, and sal sustene in his houshald the said Hew and Jonet honestly as effeiris to thair stait for the said Jhonis liftym," and further obliged himself not to marry for the lifetime of Hew and Jonet. For which marriage, &c., Robert Scot obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to pay to John Fenesoun, his heirs, &c., 40 merks at "Andremas," and at each Whitsunday and Martinmas following Andremas, 10 merks, until 50 merks be paid beyond the 40 merks, in complete payment of "fourscoir and ten merkis." Done on 31st March 1551. Witnesses, Hew Fenesoun, Jhon Bayt, Andrew Bonetavern and George Sleicht, 22b.

88. Memorandum narrating that "Vat Geddas" and "Effe Largo," his wife, set a three years' tack to John Moir and Isobel Vilzamson, his wife, and their assignees, "of the auchtane part of Abirargze," with pertinents and profits, and "wytht ane cot house quhilk Trovtty Merkal duellis in," their entry to be at Whitsunday next, and to endure for three years complete, the said "Valteir and Effame" paying yearly "to the lard of the grund" the rent for the three years. For which causes John Moir and his wife shall pay for Walter and Effame to "my lord of Angus" and his heirs 28 bolls meal within two years after this date, "and sall pay incontinent to the said Vat and Effe vi merkis and ane boll of beir; and gif the saidis personis, Vat and Effem, labouris nocht thare hayl rowm thare self in that cais he sall have thare roum befoir ony vthir as thai can aggre thareon." Mr. D[avid] Gaw and Mr. Thomas Harvy are appointed procurators to act the parties in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane. Done in the chamber of the notary 19th April 1551. Witnesses, Thomas Williamesoun, David Cragdale, Sande Ymre and Thomas Moir, 22b.

89. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Bannathy renounced her conjunct fee and franktenement of the third part of Ovir Pitgrugny, with the franktenement of "Canderlane grene," three rigs of the Veitland and one rig in Drumfording, and the third part of the houses, yards, &c., by staff and baton, "in hir sonis handis, fear of the samyn"; for which causes Laurence (Huggoun) shall give "licence to his moder to mary quhom sche plesis," she and her husband enjoying "the twa part" of the said lands of Pitgrugny for her lifetime; "thai sal the gidder labour the grund quhill the corn cum of the grund and than he sal have the thryd part of all gudis and cornis, insycht and outsycht, and he sal pay the thrid part of the dettis and his moder the twa part, and sche sall redeme the twa part of the vedset." They appointed Mr. Thomas Harvy, James Rolland and David Gaw to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane in that case. Done on 19th April 1551. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, Thomas Rolland, George Andersoun and George Hoy, 23a.

90. Memorandum narrating that John Lam, presbyter, uncompelled, resigned, by staff and baton, the whole half of his 6 acres of land (towards the sun) lying in the burgage of Abirnethy, with commonty (?) of Torduf and the half of the tenement, garden, &c., belonging to the said half of the lands, in the hands of Alexander Allasoun, one of the bailies of Abirnethy, in favour of Jonet Lam, his elder sister, his nearest and lawful heir in said lands. Sir John likewise resigned in the bailie's hands the other half of his 6 acres, with commonty of Torduf and half of the tenement belonging to that half, in favour of Agnes Lam, his youngest sister, his lawful and nearest heir in the said half lands (towards the shadow); which resignations being made the bailie gave sasine first to Jonet, then to Agnes of their respective halves of the 6 acres, reserving the franktenement of the whole 6 acres, &c., to Sir John for his lifetime. Done on 10th October 1551. Witnesses, Sir John Bonar, John Smyth, James Stanis, Robert Andersoun, John Andersoun and James Broun, 23a.

91. Memorandum narrating that Isobel Scot, elder daughter of George Scot, gave and ceded her right and title, which she had and has in and to the heritage of Sir John Lam, or to his heirship goods or to his tenement, toft, &c., to her beloved sister, Isobella Scot, younger, falling to her by decease of the said John Lam, presbyter. Done on 24th November 1551. Witnesses, Michael Lorymar, William Lorimar, his son, and Peter . . . 23a.

92. Memorandum narrating that Janet Lam resigned half of certain lands of John Lam, presbyter, in the hands of Alexander Allasoun, one of the bailies of Abirnethye, in favour of John Ymre, her son, reserving to herself the franktenement of the lands for her life; upon which resignation, the bailie gave sasine to said John of the said half of said lands towards the sun, reserving the franktenement as above. Done at the principal messuage 18th December 1551. Witnesses, Sir William Andirsoun, George Andirsoun, John Smythe, Thomas Rolland and Alexander Disart, 23b.

93. Memorandum narrating that Walter Pait became principal debtor and cautioner for Thomas Atkin in Pitgrunze, to pay five merks Scots for a cow to Mariota Diksoun and her spouse (*name not filled in*), at Whitsunday next; and that he appointed Mr. David Gaw and Mr. Thomas Harvey to act him (Walter) to pay said sum at Whitsunday, in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, under pain of excommunication. Done on 20th December 1551. Witnesses, John Huggoun, Hugh Fenesoun and John Balvard, 23b.

94. Memorandum narrating that William Andirson, presbyter, for his own behoof, and the good and profit of Henry Andirson, his brother, as to his

future marriage, upgave and resigned his whole 4 acres of land, lying in the burgage of Abirnethy, barony of the regality of the same and sheriffdom of Perth, with tenement, houses, &c., lying on the north side of the common street of Abirnethy, between the tenement of John Campbel on the east, and the tenement of John Smyth on the west,—in the hands of Alexander Allasoun and John Vemys, bailies of said burgh, in favour of said Henry Andirson, his brother, reserving the frank-tenement and profit to himself during his life ; which resignation being made, the bailies gave sasine to said Henry of the 4 acres, according to old infeftment of Abirnethy, reserving the franktenement as above, and reserving also to Henry, the fiar of the lands, the front house of said tenement during William's life. Done on 13th January 1551. Witnesses, Andrew Ballingaw, John Campbel, Thomas Andirsoun, George Andirsoun, Robert Huchoun and James Stevin, 23b.

95. Note that the said Henry Andirson shall enjoy the fore house, with 1 acre of land, for a boll of victual, namely , to be paid by him to Sir William during the latter's life, 23b.

96. The same day, Alexander Allasoun, one of the bailies of Abernethy, gave to Jonet (*Mariota written above*) Andirsoun and John Campbell, her spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, their heirs and assignees, sasine of 2 acres of land "cum maiori" (*Scottice "with the mair" or overplus*), in the burgage of Abirnethy, in terms of a charter. Done on 13th January 1551. Witnesses same as in No. 94, 24a.

97. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Scot, of her own free will, on account of her support for life, renounced and upgave her sasine and the possession she had in the conjunct fee of the lands of Ovyr Vester Pitgrunze, and gave sasine of the said lands to Andrew Lundy and Elizabeth Bannathy, his wife, putting them in her place and making them her assignees therein. She deleted the act made against the marriage of said Elizabeth, and made Andrew and her assignees to her clothes, gowns and napery, and to all her goods, which Elizabeth Anderson had in her possession. For fulfilling the premises the parties appointed Mr. David Gaw and Thomas Harvey as their procurators to act them to fulfil the premises in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, and they appointed Mr. James Makgy and George Lesslie to act them in the books of the Lords of Council, that the authority of the lords might be interponed. The said Elizabeth gave all her heirship goods to her spouse, Andrew Lundy, disponing them to the heirs to be procreated between her and him, whom failing to Andrew for his life. He shall give to any child of Elizabeth whom he pleases. Done on 29th October 1551. Witnesses, Cristall Redpeicht, Thomas Hwtoun in Dugle, Henry Imre and George Hay, 24a.

98. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Scot, spouse of Laurence Huggoun, renounced and annulled all right which she could have to the above sasine, possession, cession and assignation of her conjunct fee of the lands of Ovir Vestir Pitgrunze, and renounced the four procurators that they shall not have power to act her in the books of the Official of St. Andrews and of the Lords of Council. Done at the market cross of Abirnethy 17th November 1551. Witnesses, Sir William Andirsoun, George Andersoun, John Ymre, Alexander Bane, John Smyth and Henry Farny, 24a.

99. Memorandum narrating that Archibald Carmichell appointed Mr. David Gaw, Mr. James Rolland and Mr. Thomas Harvy to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane, to pay John Farfare in Kyntyllo five merks at Fastrenis Evin next, and otherwise two merks and a half at Fastrenis Evin in the year

after. Done on 8th April 1550. Witnesses, Robert Scot, John Scot, John Fenesoun, Thomas Scot and Robert Scot, 24b.

100. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Orlie acknowledged that he had received on behalf of Elizabeth Chalmyr, his spouse, the sum of forty merks Scots, four bolls bear and four bolls oatmeal, sufficient measure and marketable quality, and three ells of cloth of a black colour, for which he discharged the said (*sic*) Thomas (Vemys ?), his heirs, &c., for himself and his wife. The said Thomas Vemys and John Vemys appointed Mr. David Gaw and Thomas Harvy as their procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, to pay to the said Thomas Orlie and spouse at Michaelmas next two bolls bear and two bolls oatmeal, under pain of excommunication and raising of letters of process, if need be. Done on 12th March 1551. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, Alexander Allesoun, Sir William Andirsoun, John Vemys and Andrew Lundy, 24b.

101. Memorandum narrating that John Peirsoun, neither by force nor error but of his own free will, obliged himself faithfully to infeft,—in the lands lying in the burgage of Abirnethy, heritably belonging to him by the decease of the late Sir John Lam, brother of his mother, immediately after he himself was infeft therein,—John Huthisoun and Isobel Scot, his wife, in conjunct fee, and the heirs of Isabel whomsoever, in case the heirs between them shall fail, for the sum of 20 merks, of which he received 3 merks, 10 merks to be bequeathed in the legacy of said Isobel to him and his children, and 10 quarters of broad cloth of a black colour, deducting half the price of said cloth. The lands were to be litigated at the expense of Huthisoun and Isobel, and if they did not obtain them, the said John, his heirs, &c., were to pay again to them the said 40 shillings, 17 merks being paid to Peirsoun a month after the lawful infeftment of Huthisoun and Isobel in said lands. They appointed Mr. William Scot, William Arthour and David Gaw as procurators to act the parties in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal. Done in the house of John Huttissoun in Abirnethy 26th March 1552. Witnesses, Sir Robert Laing, co-notary, and Sir John Bonar and Andrew Velch, choristers of Abirnethy, 24b.

102. Memorandum narrating that William Blyth appointed Mr. David Gaw and Thomas Harvy as procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, to pay "sex firlots and vthir half pek" of bear at Midsummer, and the price of three bolls malt at Michaelmas, to Alan Ferguss. Done in the notary's chamber 8 a.m. 10th April 1552. Price of the boll of bear, xliiii (shillings). Witnesses, Thomas Rolland, John Campbell and Robert Lam, 25a.

103. Memorandum, narrating that William Allirdes has set and "settis all hous and zardis, excep the nethir syd of the clois alanerly," to William Gibsone for three years following his half of Kincragy, "sawin ellis wyth sevin bollis ii pekkis quheit wyth fyfty two bollis atis," and shall also deliver to him "sex bollis beir in beir seid tym but cherite, all the said quheit atis and beir to be, but cheritie, agane deliuerit" to the said William Allirdes, his heirs, &c., by the said William Gibsone, his heirs, &c., at the latter's "ische and departing" from the half lands of Kincragy. The said William Gibsone shall keep "on his expens, fourty zowis to the said Villiam, wytht hirdis (?) chargis alanerly," and he shall also keep "four ky to the said Villiam Allirdes and the cawis thereof sal be tane fra the said Vilzam Gibson ay quhen thai ar vthir half zeir ald and the mylk to be Ville Gibsonis of batht the ky and the zowis"; the land to be sown, harrowed, laboured and "maid reid agane" by Gibsone to Allirdes at his "ische", as he received the same. Further the said William Gibsone "sal have at his ische the half akir that John Huttis hes now, and the

hail akir Thom Sibbe hes now and a boll of atis sawin in ebraik land of the outfeild for that zeir of his passage and ische, and quhen the lammis ar spanit the lammis to be tane fra the ground be Villiam Allirdes incontinent or ellis vythin 14 dais efter the spaning." At Whitsunday next, the said William Gibsone shall enter and pay the third part of the Whitsunday mail, and the other two years he shall pay the whole mail, and the "twa part mail" at the Whitsunday of his "esche" with eight capons to the Abbot with the whole mail to the Abbot. Allirdes shall have the teind and pay therefor, and "Vat" shall have his two rigs free to him laboured by William Gibsone with "Vat seid"; Gibson paying for the three years, "ilk zeir viii bollis of muckit land, viii bollis of avot land, aucht bollis of ley land and sex bollis of ebraik atis to the said Vilzam (A.) his airis, executouris and assignais of rynnyn met, xvii bollis of beir of rynnyn met, sex bollis of quheit and sex pekkis, four stane of cheis, the lynt land and hemp land to be fre fra the cawis up the estirmaist ii buttis of the toun, ane oz gers tedderit to the gud mannis and ane hors gers in symmyr and keping of him." Allirdes shall find Vat Dron and John Scot in Strathmiglo surety for the keeping of the tacks, and Gibsone shall find James Archibald and Vat Bennat as sureties for his paying the said rents and duties, "and seidis sawing and laboriting of the grund, twa hors or meris and ii oxin and housis to be prisit to him and fra him." Done on 14th April 1552. Witnesses, Thomas Rolland, Vat Gib, James Neder, Vat Atkin and Jhon Huttissoun, 25a.

104. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, one of the bailies of Abirnethy, gave sasine to the persons underwritten, in terms of a precept (dated at St. Andrews, 6 October 1546) by Archibald, Earl of Angus, directed to George Anderson and the said John Vemys, bailies of his burgh of Abirnethy, narrating that he had granted and to feu farm let his tenement, lying in the burgh of Abirnethy, on the north side of the market cross, formerly occupied by the late Thomas Sibbald, to William Wallace and Elizabeth Andirson, his spouse, and the longest liver of them in conjunct fee, their heirs, &c., to be held of him as contained in his charter; and directing his bailies to give sasine accordingly. Sasine given 22nd October 1546. Witnesses to the precept, George Douglas of Vattirsyd, Hugh Douglas of Mortoun, David Ekkallis and William Ruthirfurd. Witnesses to the sasine, Sir John Lam, presbyter, John Rolland, John Henrysoun, John Vyschart, John Huttissoun and James Lorimar, 25b.

105. Memorandum narrating that Robert Lummysden made his testament in this manner:—He bequeathed his soul to God Almighty, and his body to be buried where God shall dispose. He made Beatrice Geddas, his spouse ("affidatam suam"), and with child by him, his only executor and intromitter with his whole goods, which whole goods he bequeaths to his said spouse and the child not yet born to be equally divided between them. After the death of the child he bequeaths all his goods to Beatrice, appointing her assignee to his tack, which he holds of Elizabeth for her life, and to 55 merks to be uplifted from the parties contained in a contract between his father and the friends of said Elizabeth. Further he leaves to "Begze" Lummysden and Jonet Lummysden, younger, three sheep, three lambs and one cow to be equally divided between them. He appointed Beatrice tutrix testamentar of his goods and child. Done on 21st June 1548. Witnesses, Sir John Pitcarn and Sir William Pitcarn, presbyters, and Walter Ymre, 25b.

106. Memorandum of a contract between Alexander Bayn and Besse Bane, on the one part, and Andro Hendirsoun, on the other part, as follows:—The said Andro shall marry Besse Bane in "all gudly haist," for which cause Alexander Bayn obliges himself, his heirs, &c., to pay to Andrew, his heirs, &c., 20 merks on the morrow of the marriage in face of the church, other 20 merks between this date and "Andremes," and the third 20

merks in complete payment of £40 betwixt this date and two years next to come. Andrew shall put Besse in his tack of Collessy for as many years as he has the same. They constitute Mr. Thomas Harvy, William Arthour and David Gaw procurators for fulfilling the premises and acting them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, submitting to that jurisdiction and renouncing Dunblane. Done on 19th April 1552. Witnesses, Andrew Piccart, John Logy and Andrew Ballingaw, 26a.

107. Memorandum narrating that William Bykartoun alleged a mutual and conditional contract made and to be made between him and his spouse Elizabeth Carmichel, on the one part, and Thomas and Michael Duncan, on the other part, as to "the kyndnes of thair tak of Carpow," delivering it with full right to the said Thomas Duncan for the sum of 200 merks to be paid to him and his spouse and not otherwise; and because Thomas and Michael did not pay the said sum to him and his spouse, according to the contract, he revoked all right of the said mutual contract that it might not pass into effect. Done on 9th June 1552. Witnesses, John Ramsay of Corstoun, Walter Balvard of Glentarky, William Piccard, James Finne (?) and Andrew Pitcarne, 26a.

108. Memorandum narrating that Isobel Balfour and William Robertson, her spouse, and George Maxvel in Hecham are agreed "to vndirly the decreit and sentence" of Gilbert Clerk and John Duncan, chosen by Isobel and William, "Sande" Spens in Dunding (?), John Spens and "Rob" Anderson or any two of them, "anent the sovm of iii li. clamit be the said George for ane laid of beir" and all other disputes between the parties. They were to convene on 19th July next and decree was to be given between this and Lammas. Done on 12th July 1545. Witnesses, William Lesly in Hechham, William Ymre, Thomas Rolland and Robert Geddas, 26b.

109. Memorandum narrating that Gilbert Clerk, bailie and burgess of Abirnethy, of his own free will and for the love which he bore towards his spouse, Elizabeth Henrisoun, and the thankful services many times done by her to him,—made and constituted her his only executrix of all his goods, and his sole and only intromitter to dispose thereof as it pleased her. He left to his father, James Clerk, burgess of Abirnethy, £20 Scots, and directed that the other things be done for the welfare of his soul at the prudent will of his executrix. Done on 3rd August 1545. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Velch and Sir John Pitcarn, presbyters, and Henry Gardinar, 26b.

110. Memorandum narrating that William Duncan in Balmanno, appealed from a decreet arbitral pronounced by John Bonar in Kylgyrstoun, Andrew Clerk in Dunbarny and Thomas Ray in Hwichfeild, chosen by himself, and Gilbert Bonar in Kylgyrstoun, Andrew Bontavern in Balmanno, and John Clerk in Dunbarny, chosen for Jonet Duncan, relict of the late John Fyf, and David Fyf, their son, because he had not agreed nor was he sworn to underly their decreet, and because Sir John Black ought not to be both oversman and principal notary in the cause, and that he ought to have his support from the said Jonet and David for life and a certain sum of money and payment of his debts. Done on 5th October 1551, 27a.

111. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Geddas constituted Sir John Leirmontht her procurator to act her in books of the commissaries of Dumblane to pay 49 shillings at Martinmas next to John Ymre, under pain of excommunication. Done on 1st May 1552. Witnesses, James Stanis and Robert Andersoun, 27a.

112. An obligation signed by "Jhone Ramsay of Corston" and "Walter

Baward (Balvaird), burges in Pertht," binding them "be the fatht in thair body to deliver agane to Schir Alexander Gaw, his airis, executouris and assignais, his buik, callit 'ortus vocabulorum,' at zoul nyxt the dait heirof." Done on 9th June 1552. ["Gaw recepit librum, vocatum 'vocabulorum ortus,' sua subscriptione testante. Gaw, notarius, scripsit."] Witnesses, Vilzam Pitcarn, Sir Robert Laing and Viliam Bykartoun, 27a.

113. Memorandum narrating that William Davesoun, queen's messenger, came personally to the ground and place of Balgony and Velland with letters to maintain and assist William Downe, officer of Jonet Stratuchin, proprietor of said land, to poind the lands, corns, cattle and goods, moveable and immoveable, by the queen's letters under her signet, dated 22nd February, a.r. 8 (1549-50), and by said Jonet's letters of poinding under the seal of Mr. William Arthour, procured by her and subscribed for her by Archibald Stewart, notary; and that the messenger and officer intended to poind the goods, cattle and corns of Thomas Atkin, pretended tenant of the ground, and all other tenants thereof, for byrun mails. Moreover the said messenger by the queen's letters of arrestment, dated at Edinburgh 26th November, a.r. 7 (1549), "arrestit in the barne iii chalders of atis and xii bollis of malt be the estimatioun of Robert Taitt and Ville Valcar and Dave Cowdin sworn thairto, and arrestit in stakis in the zard xx bollis beir be estimatioun," and all the cattle and goods belonging to said Thomas Atkin. Further, the officer of Jonet Stratuchin warned Atkin "to flit him," his corns, cattle and goods from said ground at Whitsunday next in terms of precept, dated at St. Andrews 25th January 1549, and subscribed for Jonet by Sir John Valcar, notary public. Done on 13th March 1549. Witnesses, Dave Cowdin, Robert Tait, William Valcair, Andrew La and Ninian Davisoun, 27b.

114. Note that "Vilzam Allirdes is principal dettour and borcht for Andro Kincragy to pay me, my airis, executouris, and at Andremas nyxt efter the dait of this vrit be the faitht of his body xxiii s. vi d." Done on 6th June 1550. Witnesses, Henry Ymre, Wat Stevin and Henry Tailzour, 27b.

115. Memorandum narrating that Cristina Auchincraw, relict of the late Thomas Balmanno of that Ilk, franktenementer of the lands of Vestir Fordaill, and Agnes Balmanno, her daughter, fiar of the same, gave, by delivery of thatch and turf, sasine to Jonet Lindesay, relict of the late David Murray, knight, of Arnegosk, for the time of her life; and that they afterwards gave sasine of the lands of Fordaill in the barony of and sheriffdom of Perth, then occupied by Thomas Allasoun, to David Murray, son of said Jonet, to be possessed and enjoyed in terms of a charter by them. Done at Vestir Fordaill, in the house of the foresaid Thomas Allasoun, 2nd May 1551. Witnesses, Henry Ballincankcol, the said Thomas Allasoun, John Balman, John Rollak and Thomas Balman, 27b.

116. Memorandum narrating that William Moncreif of that Ilk gave, by delivery of thatch and turf, to Walter Ballincankcol, attorney of Jonet Lindesay, relict of the late David Murray of Arnegosk, knight, state and sasine for Jonet's whole life, of an annual rent of 12 bolls of barley and twelve bolls of oatmeal; and that he then gave to William Murray, son of said Jonet and David, heritable sasine of the same annual rent, to be uplifted from his whole barony of Moncreif, in terms of a charter by him to the said Jonet and William. Further, the said William Murray for himself and his mother, and for their own heirs and assignees, obliged himself faithfully to give a sufficient reversion to the said William Moncreif, his heirs, &c., containing the sum of 300 merks Scots for redemption of said annual rent from them. Done at the Manor of Moncreif 26th November 1551. Witnesses, John Moncreif, treasurer

of Dunkeld, Archibald Moncreif of Vester Moncreif, William Blak and John Thomsoun, 28a.

117. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Ross of Cragy, not compelled or misled, but of his own free will, passed personally to the ground of the lands of his manor of Malar, and there, before the gate of his manor place, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to Eufame Vemys, relict of the late Peter Carmichell of Dron of pious memory, of an annual rent of 20 merks Scots, to be uplifted from the whole lands of the said manor of Malar, in terms of a charter made thereon. He also passed to his lands called "Hyltoun" of Malar and there gave sasine to said Eufame of another annual rent of 20 merks Scots to be uplifted from the whole lands of Hiltoun of Malar, lying in the barony of and sheriffdom of Perth, in terms of a charter. Done at the manor place of Malar and Hyltoun of Malar 29th April 1552. Witnesses, John Barcla of Strowe, Robert Barcla, his brother, James Dovglas, David Douglas in Laudom, John Bonar, William Moris, Thomas Fleming, burgess of Perth, Robert Ros, Alexander Moncreif in Malar, Mr. John Moncreif in Malar, Walter Murray in Malar, William Ruven in Malar, John Vemys, Patrick Vemys, John Moir and John Pittinbrog, 28a.

118. Memorandum narrating that John Allan, *alias* Bannavis, burgess of Abirnethy, bailie in that part of William, Bishop of Dunblane, in terms of letters patent in the form of a precept of sasine seen and read by the notary accepting office, passed in person to the ground of the lands of Bellov, and there, by thatch and turf, gave sasine to John Balvard and Margaret Kincragy, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, for their whole lifetime, of the half of the lands of Bello, lying in the regality of the bishopric of Dunblane and sheriffdom of Perth; and that he then gave sasine of the said half lands, by earth and stone, to Walter Balvard, son of the said John and Margaret, in terms of charter. A little after that, the bailie personally passed to the ground of the lands of Glentarke lying in the regality of Dunblane and sheriffdom of Fife, and there, at the principal messuage of the same, gave sasine, by thatch and turf, to the said John Balvard and Margaret, his spouse, &c., of the whole lands of Glentarke, then occupied by them, for their lifetime, and he also, by earth and stone, gave heritable sasine thereof to the said Walter Balvard, in terms of a charter made to them, no one contradicting or hindering. Done on the lands of Bello and Glentarke 4th June 1552. Witnesses, Mr. David Balvard, rector of St. Modoc, Sir William Andirsoun and Sir John Bonar, choristers of the collegiate church of St. Brigid of Abirnethy, Hugh Fene[son], indweller in Carpov, Alexander Bane in Abirnethe, Richard Master . . . , Andrew Lauson, Andrew Dron in Pittanarchty, Walter D . . . [in] Vester Pitlour, Robert Hog, burgess of Abirnethy and James . . . 28a.

119. Memorandum "to mak ane chartour be David Balfour of Inchry and Katherine Crammy, his spouse, to Schir Thomas Kincragy, curat of Ebdy, in liferent, and to Alexander Kincragy, his brothir sone, his airis and assignais, apone ane chalder of vittal, viz.—aucht bollis beir, aucht bollis meyl of rynnyng met markat sufficient stuf and markat rynnant met, to be pait in Inchry betuix Vphalymes and Candilmes, to be liftit of the hail landis of Inchry in stewartry and sheriffdom of Fif," the said Sir Thomas and Alexander, his heirs, &c., having one year's victual before the redemption thereof. David Balfour, his spouse, and John Vatsoun were to make procurators to act them in St. Andrews, under pain of excommunication, to pay the victual in terms of the infeftment; and Sir Thomas and Alexander Kincragy were to make a reversion under their "selis and hand vritis" to David, his spouse, and heirs, &c., containing 200 merks Scots, to be delivered on the high altar of the parish kirk of Abirnethy on 40 days' warning. If the parties absented themselves

the money was to be placed in the hands of John Balvard of Glentarke for the use of Sir Thomas and Alexander. No date, 28b.

120. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Kincragy, fiar of 8 bolls of bear and 8 bolls oatmeal to be uplifted from the lands of Inchry, obliged himself, his heirs and assignees, to grant a reversion in due form, containing the sum of forty shillings, to Sir Thomas Kincragy, his heirs, &c., for redemption of said chalders of victual; and for fulfilment he appointed Mr. David Gaw, James Rolland and David Meldrum his procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal. Done on 20th July 1552. Witnesses, David Balfour of Inchry, John Vatsoun and Henry Balfour, 29a.

121. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Stoup, burgess of Perth, bailie in that part of David Balfour of Inchry and Katherine Crammy, his spouse, in terms of letters of bailiary shown to the notary, gave sasine, by thatch and turf, to Sir Thomas Kincragy, curate of Ebdy, in liferent for his whole lifetime, and, by earth and stone, to Alexander Kincragy, his brother's son, of an annual rent of eight bolls bear and eight bolls oatmeal, to be uplifted yearly from the lands of Inchry in the stewartry and sheriffdom of Fife, in terms of the evidents made thereupon. Done at the dwelling house of John Vatsoun in Inchry 27th July 1552. Witnesses, John Vatsoun, Michael Vallinch, John Lowdoun, Alexander Kincragy, younger, Mr. David Meldrum, William Lowsone and Alexander Stevin, 29a.

122. The same day, David Balfour of Inchry, Katherine Crammy, his spouse, and John Vatsoun, their tenant in Inchry, appointed Mr. David Gaw, Mr. David Meldrum, Mr. Alexander Sibbald and Mr. James Rolland, conjunctly and severally, as procurators to act them, their heirs, &c., in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, to pay to Sir Thomas Kincragy, in liferent, and to Alexander Kincragy, heritably, an annual rent of eight bolls bear and eight bolls oatmeal, in terms of evidents, under pain of excommunication. Same date as preceding writ. Witnesses, (Sir) George Scot, vicar of Langforgund, Andrew Stoup, burgess of Perth, the said John Vatsoun, Patrick Vemys of Pitbla and Henry Balfour, 29a.

123. Precept (*engrossed in full*) by David Balfour of Inchry and Katherine Crammy, his wife, directed to John Vatsoun and Andrew Stoup, burgess of Perth, as bailies, narrating that they had alienated to Sir Thomas Kincragy, curate of Ebdy, in liferent for his life, and to Alexander Kincragy, his brother's son, his heirs, &c., heritably, an annual rent of eight bolls bear and eight bolls oatmeal from the lands of Inchry, in the stewartry and sheriffdom of Fife, as in the granter's charter thereupon, and desiring the bailies to give sasine accordingly. Dated at the burgh of Abirnethy 27th July 1552. Katherine Crammy had her hand led at the pen by the notary. David Balfour signed with his own hand. Witnesses same as in preceding writ, 29a.

124. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne gave sasine to his son of the east half of his lands of Ester Pitlour, lying within the barony of Strathmiglo and sheriffdom of Fife; and that he then likewise gave to him the wester half of same lands, by earth and stone. His said son on receiving sasine gave, by thatch and turf, sasine to in liferent for life, of both parts, east and west, of said lands. Done at Ester and Vester Pitlour 9th March 1551. Witnesses, John Balvard in Glentarke, Walter Balvard, his son and apparent heir, John Horne and Andrew Ballingaw, 29b.

125. Memorandum narrating that Laurence Huggoun, fiar of the whole lands of Ovyr Vester Pitgrunze, lying in the barony of Abirnethy and sheriffdom

of Perth, of his own free will, in the best form constituted and appointed William Moncreif of that Ilk his undoubted cessioner and assignee in and to a reversion, made to him by William Sym in form of an instrument under the note of Sir James Gryme, notary public, containing the sum of 120 merks Scots, for redemption of the said lands of Pitgrunze, and of an annual rent of twelve merks to be uplifted therefrom ; and that he granted to Moncreif his mandate, and transferred his right and title to him in his place, with power to warn the said William Sym or Alexander Sym, his father, their heirs, &c., in terms of the reversion to receive the 120 merks from him, his assignee, for redemption of the lands and annual rent, and to see and hear all points of the reversion fulfilled and the lands lawfully redeemed. Further, the said Laurence Huggoun obliged himself, his heirs, &c., that if perchance in the future he shall sell or alienate his said lands to any, he shall sell them to Moncreif according to agreement to be made between them and at a lower price than to others. For fulfilling the premises Huggoun appointed Mr. Thomas Harvy and David Gaw to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, submitting to that jurisdiction and proroguing the same to the jurisdiction of Dunblane, renouncing the latter in this case, under pain of the greater excommunication, with power of raising letters of process, if need be. These things were done in the cemetery of the parish church of Abirnethy behind the choir 24th July 1551. John Moncreif of Rynd, procurator for the said William Moncreif, craved instrument. Witnesses, Archibald Moncreif of Estir Moncreif and John Vemys, burgess of Abirnethy, 29b.

126. Memorandum narrating that Michael Duncan in Balmanno appointed Mr. William Arthour and David Dischintoun as procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, under pain of excommunication, to pay to George Arnot, prebendary of Pettinbrog, twelve bolls oatmeal, eight bolls bear and four bolls wheat for the sixth part of the teinds of Carpow, at Easter next ; and that Sir George Hog appointed the same procurators to act him, under pain of excommunication, that Michael Duncan shall enjoy the said teinds, and that they swore not to revoke the appointment. Done on 2nd August 1552. Witnesses, Thomas Makgibboun, Laurence Symsoun, Alison Pitcarn and Sir George Hog, 30a.

127. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Lundy, spouse of Elizabeth Bannathy, appointed Mr. David Gaw and Thomas Harvy his procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, submitting him to that jurisdiction, proroguing the same and renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane, to pay at the next feast of the Nativity 4 merks to George Hay, his heirs, &c. Done on 17th August 1552, 30a.

128. Memorandum narrating that Eufame Vemys of Drone, of her own free will, in the best form possible, constituted and appointed her beloved Patrick Vemys of Pitbla and Jonet Lesslie, his spouse, her lawful cessioners and assignees in and to the grain, oxen, cows with calves, sheep and horse following, namely, 6 bolls of wheat (*cætera desunt*). Done at Cragpotty 10th October 1552. Witnesses, Mr. John Spens, rector of Kilcrist, Sir John Bonar, chorister of Abirnethy and William Rollak, tailor, 30b.

129. Memorandum narrating that James Stevin, by staff and baton, resigned the "Crukit-dayl" and the "Busdail," with pertinents of Castlelaw, in the hands of George Anderson, one of the bailies of Abirnethy, in favour of William Ballingaw and Isobel Anderson, his spouse ; upon which resignation the bailie gave sasine, by earth and stone, to them, and their heirs, upon reversion of "xii merk for ilk but." The buyer was to possess for a year after sasine, and he also leased to the seller the said

lands for 2 bolls, 2 pecks bear for the space of non redemption, redemption not being valid except on 40 days' warning before the feast of Epiphany. If the said James Stevin did not pay the said 2 bolls, 2 pecks of bear in the space of a year, then the buyer was to occupy the lands with his own goods. Done on 6th December 1552. Witnesses, Robert Andersoun, burgess of Abirnethy, Robert Castellaw, Alexander Hendersoun, Andrew Forrat and Walter Forrat, 30b.

130. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Huggoun, Elizabeth Huggoun, John Huggoun and Robert Huggoun, with consent of Elizabeth Bannachy, their mother, for the six remaining children of the late Andrew Huggoun, appointed John Smyth, their uncle, their assignee in and to their bairns' goods ("bona puerilia"), belonging to them by decease of their father, Andrew Huggoun foresaid. Done at Pitgrunze, 9th December 1552. Witnesses, James Clerk, John Pittinbrog, Patrick Vemys, John Duncan and John Atkin, 30b.

131. The same day, Patrick Campbell, by letters from the Queen, purposed to poind for the debts of Andrew Lundy, the goods belonging to the said children, wherefore they and John (Smyth), their assignee, protested for spoliation and oppression, and for remedy of law before a judge competent. Same date as preceding writ, 30b.

132. Memorandum narrating that John Moir, on the one part, and Helen Vilzamsoun, Jonet Vilzamsoun and Thomas Hegzhe, her spouse, on the other part, upon their oaths, agreed to submit to the decreet of arbiters, namely, Sir Alexander Gaw, James Pitcarne and Andrew Pitcarne, or any two of them, on behalf of Jonet, Thomas and Helen in name of their mother, Mariota Clerk, and Robert Carmichell, Sir Robert Lesle and Patrick Vemys, or any two of them, for said John Moir. The parties chose Andrew Bangaw as oversman, and were to convene with the arbiters in the parish church of Abirnethy the following Thursday, and finish the case between this and Midsummer. Done in the notary's chamber 18th April 1553. Witnesses, John Spens, John Vemys, John Smyth and Henry Myllar, 31a.

133. Memorandum narrating that John Balvard in Glentarke, on the one part, and George Arnot, prebendary of Pittinbrog, appointed and agreed in this manner :—The said George faithfully promised to deliver to John a sufficient tack of the lands of Pittinbrog, belonging to his prebend, for the space of five years from this date, and that for the sum of 80 merks Scots, to be paid by the said John to him for the gressum of said lands and for past rents. For extinguishing litigation, controversy and violent possession, Balvard obliged himself to pay to Arnot £20 at All Saints' next in part payment of the gressum, and appointed Mr. William Arthour and David Ogilvy to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane. Done in the hall of Friar Archibald Arnot, minister (of Scotlandwell), and at "Scotlandvel" 12th July 1552. Witnesses, Andrew Murray of Arnegosk, Henry Bancankcol, Walter Balvard, the said Friar Archibald Arnot, Mr. Andrew Arnot, rector of Toucht, James Dunbar, Friar John Dawzel and Stephen Dudestoun, 31a.

134. Memorandum narrating that John Balvard personally passed to the presence of George Arnot, prebendary of Pittinbrog, in the hall of Friar Archibald Arnot, and offered to him 70 merks, in complete payment of 80 merks for gressum of a tack of five years of the town and lands of Pittinbrog and the past rents of the same, and for extinguishing litigation, &c. He requested from George a tack for five years made by George to him over said lands in terms of the above agreement. Arnot confessed he had in his possession a tack for five years made by him

to said John, under his own seal and subscription, and he wholly refused to receive the money from him for said tack, and to deliver the tack to him in terms of agreement, upon which Balvard protested for remedy of law before a judge competent. Done at the hall of the minister of Scotlandwell and at "Lady chapel" of Dene 11th May 1553. Witnesses, Andrew Murray of Arnegosk, Alexander Ballincankcol, Henry Bancankcol and John Murray of Pitcarnmyl, 31a.

135. Memorandum narrating that Norman Bangaw, in his minority, with consent of Andrew Bangaw and Michael Downy, his curators, gave up and renounced his title and possession of the lands called "Kincragy landis," lying in the burgage of Auchtermukty within the sheriffdom and stewartry of Fife; and that then Henry Kincragy, by staff and baton, with consent of Jonet Andirsoun, his spouse, under oath that she was uncompelled, resigned his whole "ten s. vorcht" of the north quarter of Ouchtermukty, with houses, &c. in the hands of James Robertsoun, one of the bailies of Ouchtermukty, lying between the lands of Robert Gylmour of Bondhalf on the east, the lands of Henry Robertsoun and Helen Kinloch on the south, the lands of Patrick Dempstartoun on the west, and the lands of Nicholas Dawsoun on the north, in favour of Elizabeth Balvard, relict of John Bonnar, her heirs, &c.; which resignation being made the bailie gave sasine, by earth and stone, to said Elizabeth of said 10 shillings worth of land, no one impeding, under reversion of "fourscoir xvii" merks Scots. Henry Kincragy was to have a tack of the lands for 8 bolls victual, half of bear and half of oatmeal, of sufficient measure, &c., and if he failed in payment of victual for a year that tack was to be void. He was also to pay the king's duty, and offer of sale of the lands, without reversion or with increase of reversion, was to be made to Elizabeth, and for fulfilling the premises Kincragy appointed David Gaw, John Brown and William Arthour as his procurators. Done on 7th April 1553. Witnesses, John Smart, Patrick Maxvell, Andrew Banegaw, Michael Downy, Peter Balvard, Andrew Robertsoun and John Arnot, 31b.

136. Memorandum narrating that David Carmichel, heir of the late Peter Carmichel of Dron, constituted William Oliphant his assignee in and to a tack of the east half of the lands of Newtoun of Forgundany,—made to said Peter, Eufame Vemys, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, and the heirs procreated or to be procreated betwixt them, whom failing to the heirs of said Peter whomsoever, by Walter Oliphant,—for all terms and years contained in the same and yet to run, transferring his rights to the said William Oliphant, and putting him and his heirs in his place for the sum of 108 merks Scots to be paid by them to him, his heirs, &c., at the following terms, viz., 48 merks in hand, 20 merks at Martinmas next, and 40 merks at Epiphany following in complete payment of the said sum of 108 merks. The said David obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to place the said William, his assignee, in possession of the rents of said half lands of Newtoun of crop 1554, betwixt this and Candlemas next, and to enter him to the lands and houses at Whitsunday 1554, and put him in possession for the years that are to run in the tack. William "sal do his deligence to bruik the samyn at his poweir," and if the law puts both David and William from their possession of said half lands, in that case, David obliged himself, his heirs, &c. to repay to William the above sum of 108 merks. Done on 13th October 1553. Witnesses, John Vemys of Abirnethy, Sir Robert, chaplain of Abirnethy, Robert Carmichel and John Sad, 31b.

137. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Lundy and Elizabeth Bannathy, his spouse, constituted Messrs. Thomas Harvy, John Brown, David Gaw and William Arthour their procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, under pain of the greater

excommunication, submitting them to that jurisdiction, proroguing the same and renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane, to pay David Balfour and Mr. John Spens, executors of the late Eufame Vemys, for the bygone teinds of Ovir Pitgrunze, 24 merks, as follows, 12 merks at "Pasche" next, and other 12 merks, in complete payment of the said 24 merks, at Martinmas following, and also to pay 10 firlots of bear, with "cherite" called "kane beir," to the said executors, and other 10 firlots of bear to Mr. John Spens, with 20 shillings for "kane cheis" at Martinmas next; and that they (Andrew and Elizabeth) appointed the executors assignees to "iii ait stakkis standand on the northt syd of the zard and ane of the stakis hes pes on the hed," in contentation of the money and bear. John Vemys in name of the executors took possession of the same stacks (?) ("arconiorum"). Done on 7th October 1553. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, John Vemys and Patrick Vemys, 31b.

138. Memorandum narrating that Patrick Vemys of Pitbla,—bailie in that part of David Ogilvy of that Ilk and Gilbert, his son and heir apparent, in terms of a precept by them, and the said Patrick, as bailie of said Gilbert Ogilvy, in terms of a precept by him, both precepts being also signed by Thomas Ogilvy, curator of Gilbert,—passed personally to the lands of Cordoun and Cordoun-haucht, and there, taking first in his hands the first precept of David and Gilbert, his son, gave, by earth and stone, to John Spens of Condy, and Richard Balfour, attornies for Mr. John Spens, son of the late James Spens of Condy, sasine of the whole lands of Cordoun and Cordoun-haucht, lying in tho lordship of Carie, barony of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Perth, in terms of said precept and charter thereon; and that then the bailie likewise gave sasine to same person of said lands according to the precept by Gilbert and his charter made thereon. Done on 29th April 1553. Witnesses, Sir Robert Laing, notary public, Sir Thomas Robertsoun, notary public, Sir John Bonar, John Vemys and Richard Balfour, 32a.

139. Copy precept of sasine by David Ogilvy of that Ilk and Gilbert Ogilvy, his son, &c., directed to Patrick Wemys of Pitbla as bailie, narrating that with consent of Thomas Ogilvy, uncle and curator of Gilbert, they had alienated to Mr. John Spens, son of the late James Spens of Condy, the lands of Cordoun and Cordoun-haucht, above described. Dated at Edinburgh 14th November 1552, 32a.

140. Copy precept by Gilbert Ogilvy, above designed, in similar terms. Same date as preceding writ (*cf.*, R.M.S., Vol. IV., No. 743), 32a.

141. Letters patent by Mary, Queen of Scots, appointing Richard Balfour and John Spens of Condy to act as attornies for Mr. John Spens, son of the late James Spens of Condy, in all affairs, &c. Dated at Edinburgh 17th November, a.r. 10 (1552), 32b.

142. Memorandum narrating that Robert Scharp in Strathmiglo, "of his awin fre vil, hes dischargit" John Suentoun of all hurt, skaith, damage, injuries and wrongs done by the said John to him, "in hurt of his persone and draving of his bluid and hairting of him," and is content that the said John Suenton be released from the horn for ever, "for concord to be betuix the said Robert and Jhon for ay in tyme to cum of suddand chance of ire." Andrew Berclay asked instrument. Done in the notary's chamber 13th February 1553. Witnesses, Thomas Rolland, Lawrence Symsoun and Henry Ymre, 32b.

143. Memorandum narrating that it is contracted between "Vat Pait" and "Jhon Pait," his son, on the one part, and John Moyr and Mirabel Moir, his sister, (on the other part), as follows:—John Pait shall marry Mirabel Moir in "al gudly heast," and Wat and John Pait are content that she

be "put in thare tak" at John Moyr's expense. John Moyr shall pay to Wat Pait 20 merks at "Pask" next, 5 merks "at Zoul cum a zeir," and each year thereafter £10, until 70 merks "in the hail tochyr gud be pait," and Wat Pait "sal leif at his enday (decease), vil god, to his said son, Jhon Pait, and to his vif, Mirabel, and to thair barnis four oxin and twa hors and all pleucht gratht, wyth twa ky and twenty scheip and the grund sawin wytht all seidis as efferis." They appointed "Gaw, Harvy and Brown" procurators for fulfilling the premises and acting them, under pain of excommunication, in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal. Done on 9th December 1554. Witnesses, Robert Atkin, David Pittinbrog, Thomas Atkin, Jhon Fenesoun, David Cragdale, and Thomas Villiamesoun, 32b.

144. Memorandum narrating that George Lesslie in Heicham, procurator of Egidia Lesslie, offered to Peter Balvard her lands of Estir Pitgrunze, and required him to receive the same lands. Peter said he would consider until he had restitution to the whole. Done at the Market Cross of Abirnethy 6th February 1554. Witnesses, John Smyth, Thomas Andersoun, John Huttissoun, John Ymre, at the Cross, James Stevin and William Allasoun, 32b.

145. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys, on his own confession, was admonished to pay Mr. William Schaw, provost of Abirnethy, and his factors 11 merks 40 pence for 9 bolls victual of crop 1554, half of said sum at the feast of the Nativity of John Baptist and the other half at Michaelmas following, if it pleased the provost. Thomas Anderson and John Ymre were in like manner admonished to pay the same sum at same terms. James Duncan was admonished for 37 merks and a half for 30 bolls victual of said crop to be paid at same terms. Thomas Brown was warned for 22 merks and a half for 18 bolls victual to be paid as above. [*A blank of about a dozen lines follows, probably for other names, then*] an obligation at the command of the Provost by John Bonar, presbyter, not to receive monies from the said tenants until the arrestment made by the Earl of Angus upon the fruits of the provostry was duly relaxed by law. Done on 26th May 1555. Witnesses, Alexander Allasoun, Hugh Ymre and Laurence Symsoun, 33a.

146. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Balfour of Denmylle, near Lundoris, by delivery of a penny, gave sasine of an annual rent of 5 bolls bear, sufficient measure and marketable, to be uplifted yearly from the whole lands of Denmyl and mill thereof, lying in the sheriffdom and stewartry of Fife, to Michael Downy, his heirs, &c., according to a charter to be made thereon. Michael obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to give a reversion to Alexander containing the sum of £40 Scots, to be delivered upon the high altar of our Lady of Ebdy, and in case of Michael's absence the money shall be placed in sure custody and warning made at the space of forty days. David Gaw, Thomas Harvy and John Sibbald are appointed procurators to act him in the books of St. Andrews principal for fulfilling the premises, under pain of the greater excommunication. Done on the ground of the lands of Denmyl 27th June 1555. Witnesses, Andrew Downy, Michael Vallanch and Andrew Hog, 33a.

147. Memorandum narrating that it was finally agreed between John Vemys and Jonet Smart, David Duncan and Merzoun Duncane, his sister german, on the one part, and Margaret Balfour, John Ymre, her son, and Margaret Ymre, his sister german, on the other part, as follows:—David Duncan shall marry Margaret Ymre, and he shall infeft her in two acres of his land lying in the burgh and barony of Abirnethy, and in one half of his tenement and toft, with all buildings, &c., belonging thereto, for her lifetime in liferent only; and if David dies and Margaret marries after

his decease, she shall brook the two acres only without the half tenement, "and as lang as sche maries nocht" she shall have the two acres with the half tenement in liferent. Margaret Balfour shall pay therefor, by her, her heirs, &c., the sum of 50 merks Scots to David Duncan, his heirs, &c., and 10 merks to be in her will; reserving the frankteneement and profit of the whole four acres of land and the whole tenement belonging to David Duncan to Jonet Smart, his mother, for her lifetime only. Further, John Ymre shall marry the said Marzoun Duncan, and David and Marzoun discharge John Vemys and Jonet Smart, his wife, mother of David and Marzeoun, of all debts, goods and sums owing by Wemys and his wife to them for any cause bygone, "except ayreschip gudis pertenyng to David alanerly to be paid to him at he vantis thairof." Done in the chamber of Margaret Balfour 10th November 1554. Witnesses, Sir William Andersoun, John Balfour of Bello, William Ymre, David Balfour and Alexander Kylgour, 33b.

148. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Dischingtoun of Kirkpotty, David Pettinbrog and John Moir in Abirargye acknowledged that they had received on loan the sum of 100 merks from John Pitcarne in Estyr Dron, and that they had also received from him 20 bolls of bear, sufficient measure of the burgh of Perth, wherefore they appointed Mr. David Dischingtoun, David Gaw and Thomas Harvy as procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay the said John Pitcarne the 100 merks at Martinmas 1557, and to pay ten bolls of bear at Lammas ("ad vincula Sancti Petri") 1556, and other ten bolls at "Pasche" thereafter, for which 20 bolls they acknowledged they were paid in counted money. Thomas Dischingtoun appointed the same procurators to act him in said Official's books to relieve the said David and John at the hands of John Pitcarne as to payment of the money and bear. Done at Kirkpotty 22nd September 1555. Witnesses, Mr. David , John Balmanno, James Dischingtoun and Thomas Fiffe, 33b.

149. Memorandum narrating that Valter Scot, bailie in that part of John Vemys of that Ilk, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to John Quhit of Estir Lumbany of the lands of Cragtoun, according to a charter made thereon. Done on 4th June 1554. Witnesses, Allan Scharp, Allan Scot and Peter Logane, 34a.

150. Copy Precept by John Vemys of that Ilk directed to Valter Scot and John Dik as bailies, narrating that he had alienated to John Quhit of Ester Lumbany, his heirs, &c., the whole lands of Cragtoun, lying in the barony of Elcho and sheriffdom of Perth, as more fully contained in his charter to said John. Date and place of precept wanting, 34a.

151. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne renounced an act and contract made between him and Thomas Dischingtoun of Kyrkpotty, who obliged himself faithfully to infeft, by charter and sasine, Eufame Carmichell, younger lady of Balmanno, her heirs, &c., in a fourth part of the lands of Kyrkpotty, she being obliged to give Thomas a reversion in due form containing the sum of £100, and these things being done by Thomas and Eufame between this date and Easter next. Eufame was bound to give a tack to Thomas of said fourth part of Kyrkpotty for payment of 12 bolls of bear at Lammas 1556 and other 12 bolls at Easter following, for the time of non-redemption of the lands, John Moir and John Pittinbrog becoming cautioners for payment of said bolls, and appointing Messrs David Gaw and Thomas Harvy procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal, under pain of excommunication, to pay the said bear during non-redemption. Thomas and Eufame appoint the same procurators to fulfil the premises and to act them to relieve their cautioners. Done in the Collegiate Church of Abirnethy 16th February

1555. Witnesses, James Moncreif of Rynd, John Balmanno, John Pitcarne, James Dischingtoun, Thomas Moir, William Vemyss and Alexander Hendirsoun. 34a.

152. Memorandum narrating that John Quhit of Ester Lumbany passed in person to the ground of the lands of Balhabraam, and there, by stone and earth, gave sasine to Katherine Melvyl, in liferent for her lifetime, of the whole half of the lands of Balhabraam, lying within the barony of Estyr Elcho and sheriffdom of Perth, in terms of a charter to be made thereon, obliging himself, his heirs, &c., to warrant and keep the said Katherine scatheless in peaceable possession of the said half lands in liferent for her lifetime, and also to keep the lands, for her life, free from all wards, reliefs, non-entries and other casualties. For which causes Katherine renounced her property and possession of the lands of Knychtis-potty (*cf.* No. 7, *supra*), lying in the barony of the regality of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Perth, annulling charters, instruments and other evidents made to her thereon. Done at Balhabraam 7th November 1554. Witnesses, Archibald Dundas of Fyngask, Patrick Bruice, John Spens of Condy, Henry Douglas of Drumgarland, and John Scot in Balhabram, 34b.

153. Memorandum narrating that Helen Oliphant obliged herself, her heirs, &c., faithfully to pay and deliver to Mr. John Spens, advocate before the Lords of Council, his heirs, &c., the sum of 140 merks between this and Whitsunday next, in complete payment of 240 merks, and that she openly acknowledged that she had paid him only 100 merks at the making of the presents, for an annual rent of 20 bolls of victual, half bear and the other half oatmeal, to be uplifted from the lands of Cordoun and Cordoun-haucht. Further, the said Helen obliged herself to accept and lift only from the lands yearly eight bolls of victual, half bear and half oatmeal, in case she did not pay the 140 merks at Whitsunday to the said Mr. John Spens, and also to give a sufficient reversion to him, his heirs, &c., containing the sum of 240 merks, if she paid the said 140 merks before Whitsunday, and if not, she obliged herself to give a sufficient reversion for 100 merks for redemption of the annual rent of 20 bolls. For fulfilment she appointed Mr. Thomas Harvy, James Rolland and David Gaw procurators to act her in the books of the Official of St. Andrews. Done at Cordoun 10th April 1555. Witnesses, Patrick Vemys of Pitbla, Andrew Velch, chorister of Abirnethy, Andrew Lundy and Alexander Duncan, 34b.

154. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Dischingtoun of Kyrkpotty, apparent heir of William Dyschingtoun of Ardros, gave to Eufame Carmichel, younger lady of Balmanno, her heirs, &c., sasine, by earth and stone, of the fourth part of his lands of Kyrkpotty, according to a charter to be made, she giving him a reversion over the said fourth part, containing the sum of £100, with a tack for the time of non-redemption for payment yearly of 12 bolls of bear in terms of a former contract (No. 151 *supra*). Done on the ground of Kyrkpotty 12th March 1555. Witnesses, John Moir, John Jhonsoun, David Dik, Alexander Duncan and Thomas Balmanno, 35a.

155. Memorandum narrating that Walter Geddas and Eufame Largo, his spouse, deponed that they had received from David Pittinbrog and Mariota Moir for "the kyndnes of thare auchttane part of Abirargzhe" (*cf.* No. 88, *supra*) the sum of £31 : 10s. Done on 9th March 1555, in the house of John Pittinbrog, reserving to Walter and Eufame for their lifetime a "half toft, half zard, half housis, wyth Vatlair rygg maid reid and the sawin of half ane boll of atis in the outfield land; and gif the said Vat or Effe nedis to set ony of the foresaidis thai sal set it to Vilzam Millar effore ony other, he payand als mekil tharefore as ane othir vil

gif." Witnesses, Thomas Dischingtoun, James Dischyngtoun, James Grameslaw and John Pittinbrog, 35a.

156. Memorandum further narrating that the said William Myllar offered to Mariota Moir £15 : 15s., and that he offered John Pittinbrog as cautioner for paying to her other £15 : 15s. at Whitsunday in name and behalf of the said Walter Geddas and Eufame Largo. Done at the dwelling-house of David Pittinbrog 13th March (1555). Witnesses, Patrick Greif, David Lowre, Andrew Ramsay, John Logane, William Cragy and Alexander Duncan, 35a.

157. Memorandum narrating that John Pitcarne, on the one part, and David Merkal, on the other part, agreed to submit to the decreet of John Thomsoun and David Fif, chosen for Pitcarne, and Andrew Bontavern and Sir Robert Cristi, chosen for Merkal; and that the parties and arbiters shall meet in Abirargy on 19th April to confer in the case as to "xii bollis beir and ii peckis the price of the samyn clamit be the said Dauid fra the said Jhon," and other matters debateable between the parties, sentence being given between this and the Nativity of John Baptist, with prorogation, of consent, until Lammas without further prorogation. Done in the notary's chamber 15th April 1556. Witnesses, John Pittinbrog, Thomas Rolland, Laurence Symson and John Scot, 35a.

158. "Compromissum Hendersoun et Duncan et instrumentum Schaw, prepositi, est in libro actorum comitis Vide," 35b.

159. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Rwen in Drone Estir appointed Sir John Leirmontht and Robert Leirmontht his procurators to act him in the books of the commissaries of Dunblane to pay to John Pitcarne in Dron the sum of 28 merks, namely, 14 merks at Martinmas next and other 14 merks at Whitsunday 1557, under pain of excommunication. Done in the cemetery of the parish church of Abirnethy 19th April 1556. Witnesses, John Vemys of Pitgrunze, Sir Robert Laing, Peter Dundas and William Duncan, 35b.

160. Memorandum narrating that Sir Andrew Orme, *alias* Sym, obliged himself, his heirs, &c., and intromitters with his goods, faithfully of his own acknowledgment, to pay 13s. 4d. at Lammas next, 13s. 4d. at the feast of St. Andrew following, 13s. 4d. at the Nativity of John Baptist thereafter, and 10s. at Michaelmas after that, in complete payment of 50 shillings to Elizabeth Henderson, her executors, &c.; and that for fulfilling the premises, he appointed Mr. David Gaw, James Rolland and John Brown his procurators to act him to pay said sums at said terms, under pain of excommunication, &c. He swore not to revoke the procuratory till Elizabeth was paid. Done in the house of Elizabeth Henderson 24th April 1556. Witness, Sir Alexander Valcar. 35b.

161. Memorandum narrating that John Thomsoun, Archibald Carmychel and John Sleycht appointed Robert Leirmonth and Sir John Leirmontht their procurators to act them in the books of Dunblane to pay to William Bannegaw at Michaelmas next six bolls of bear, under pain of excommunication. Done on 22nd August 1556. Witnesses, William Criste, Henry Myllar and Walter Stevin, 35b.

162. Memorandum narrating that Archibald Carmichel and John Sleycht appointed Sir John Leirmontht and Robert Leirmontht their procurators to act them to pay to William Bannegaw 10 bolls 1 firlot wheat and 10 bolls 1 firlot oatmeal, of sufficient market and measure, the wheat within 15 days after this date and the meal between this and Martinmas, under pain of excommunication. Done on 30th September 1556. Witnesses, John Vemys in Abirnethy, John Smyth, there, and William Huggoun, 36a.

163. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Ruven confessed he had received on loan from John Pitcarne 28 merks to be paid at the terms stated in No. 159, *supra.* He also appointed the same procurators. Done on 19th April 1556. [*This is evidently a slightly altered version of No.* 159, *supra.*] Witnesses, John Vemys, Sir Robert Laing, Peter Dundas and William Duncan, 36a.

164. Memorandum narrating that it is appointed between Robert Bonetavern of Coylse and Isobel Fiffe, his spouse, on the one part, and Robert Berich, on the other part, as follows :—"All and hail the tane half of the sext part that the said Robert and Isobel laboris of Vestir Coylse, extending to the tuelf part of the hail toun of Vestir Coylse," to Robert Berich, Marzeoun Bontavern and Thomas Berich, their son, and to "the langast levair of tham thre successive, ilk ane eftir othir," with all profits, houses, tofts, crofts, &c., belonging to the twelfth part, for thirteen years from this date, the entry being at Whitsunday 1556, and enduring till the 13 years are completely byrun. Robert Berich, his wife and son shall pay yearly "the malis, cane foulis and doateis and teindis that the said tuelf part aucht, of vse and vount, to lord and persoun," and the said Robert for the above 13 years tack shall also pay to Robert Bonetavern the sum of 37 merks Scots, "and ane new garmond to his body," and so soon as Bonetavern, his wife and Elizabeth Bonetavern, their daughter, can repay to them the said sum two years after their entry, of their own goods "nocht takand money fra na otheiris," the said 13 years' tack shall be null and void, except the said two years after their entry only. Further, Bonetavern and his wife obliged themselves that Robert Berich "sal have the first loif and proffir of the said xii part and thai put it fra thaim self, befoir ony othir, he payand tharefoir to thame als mekyl as ony othir vil gif thaim tharefor." Mr. David Gaw, Thomas Harvy and Mak Jhon (*sic*) are appointed procurators to act them in the Official's books of St. Andrews. Done on 19th May 1556. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, Jhon Smyth, James Stevin and Lawrence Symsoun, 36b.

165. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Gylmour, elder, by staff and baton, resigned his whole 30 shilling lands ("xxs xii part and ane half xii part") of the north quarter of Auchtermukty, with houses, lying in the burgage of Ouchtermukty, in the hands of Richard Maxvel, one of the bailies thereof, in favour of his son, Thomas Gilmour; which resignation being made the bailie, by earth and stone, gave sasine to said Thomas of the said lands, according to a royal charter of feu made thereupon, reserving however the franktenement to the resigner for his lifetime. On the same day the said Alexander Gylmour chose for himself George Hardy and Andrew Scot, and John Braid chose for himself John Robertson and Thomas Maknevin as their arbiters in matters debatable betwixt them. Done at the tenement of the lands 7th July 1556. Witnesses, Alexander Gylmour, John Rankyn, John Toucht and Richard Maxvel, 36b.

166. Memorandum narrating that the underwritten persons, namely, John Duncan for £40 50 shillings, Thomas Broun for 38 merks 40 pence, John Ymre for 19 merks 20 pence, Thomas Andirson for same sum, John Hog for 51 merks, John Vemys in Abirnethy for 19 merks 20 pence, were warned respectively, on their own confessions, to pay their respective sums to Mr. William Schaw, his factors and assignees, (one half of said sums at the feast of Lammas and the other half at Michaelmas following date,) without further delay, under pain of excommunication in each term, for the rents of the provostry of Abirnethy for crop of the year 1555. At the church of Vrvall (Orwell) 29th June 1556. Signed by "Ar. Gaw, commissarius" of Dunblane, in terms of a commission directed to him, an added line stating that on 30th September same year Robert Anderson was warned for 19 merks 20 pence and David

Duncan for as much. Witnesses, Sir John Bonar, John Schaw in Laichthangzhe, Sir John Mous and Andrew Velch, 37a.

167. Memorandum narrating that Valter Scot in Ladinvrguhard became surety for John Quhit to pay Thomas Sanzeour in Balvard 2 bolls of bear and 2 bolls of oatmeal yearly for the sum of 50 merks, which Quhit acknowledged he had received from the said Thomas Sanzeour in ready counted money. Further, the said Walter Scot appointed Gaw and Harvy as procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay the said 4 bolls of victual to said Thomas yearly, under pain of excommunication, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunkeld in that behalf and submitting to the jurisdiction of St. Andrews. John Quhit obliged himself, his heirs, &c., to infeft the said Thomas Sanzeour in an annual rent of 4 bolls of victual, half bear and half oatmeal, to be uplifted yearly from his lands of Ladynvrquhard Vestir, this infeftment being made at Lammas next, and Sanzeour giving him a reversion for 50 merks for the redemption of said annual rent. Done on 8th July 1556. Witness, Laurence Symson, 37a.

168. Memorandum narrating that Jonet Staig, daughter of the late Alexander Staig and Margaret Rankyn, freely made Robert Lummysden assignee in and to her bairns' part belonging to her by decease, legacy and testament of her parents, and to all other goods whatever belonging to her in any way and also by decease, legacy and testament of her sister, Elizabeth Staig ; the said Robert Lummysden obliging himself, his heirs, &c., to pay to her and her children begotten of her body at each term of Martinmas 3 merks and a half "in penny and penny vorcht," beginning at Martinmas next, and each Martinmas three merks and a half until the completion of 38 merks. The parties constituted Mr. David Gaw, Mr. James Rolland and Mr. Andrew to act them to fulfil under the pain of excommunication, without revocation. Done on 22nd October 1556. Witnesses, Sir John Lam, presbyter, Sir John Smyth, presbyter, Andrew Velch, layman, and Alexander Duncan, layman, 37b.

169. Memorandum of an agreement betwixt Andrew Bangaw and Helen Bangaw, his daughter, on the one part, and William Adesoun and Elizabeth Smart, on the other part, as follows :—William Adesoun shall marry Helen Bangaw, and shall put her in the tack belonging to him, "nyxt himself, he making the tane half of the expens and the said Andrew Banegaw the othir half." For completing the marriage Andrew Bangaw shall pay to William 170 merks Scots, with (power of) free disposition thereupon, within three years after this date, "and the said Elizabeth for her liftym sal hald the said Vilzam and Helen and the barnis to be gottin betuix thaim in burding, bedding and clething as efferis thaim, on hir expense." Gawane Adesoun for himself and James Adesoun, with consent of his tutrix, Elizabeth Smart, renounce their rights to the tack and assedation of the fourth part of the north quarter of the Grange of Lundoris, so that William and Helen and their "barnis" may brook the same tack ; and if they have no children, then, after their decease, Gawane and James "sal have thair awin place in the assedation of the said tak" as they had before their renunciation, ("and gif the said James or Gawane happynnis to get the tak of the Abbot efter Vilzam decess and his barnis thai sal put Helen in lifrent of the said tak for the profeit thai have gottin fra thare moder"). [*The sentence in parenthesis is inserted at a different part of the original, but seems to read more correctly as here placed.*] Both parties are content that Elizabeth Smart shall have "ful and fre disposition of all the gudis about hir hous, moueable and onemoueable, that frely pertenis to hir hail hous, corn, catel and crop, insycht and outsycht, to be disponit be hir ony tym sche plesis to the saidis Gavan and James for thair barnis part of gud and the renunciatioun of thare tak, except alanerly Williamis barnis' part of gear to be pait justly

to him reserving the stra." [*On margin here "Jhon Vemys declarit Elizabeth vil that Villzam and his vif sal have the stra simpliciter. John Vemis wyth my hand."*] "And gif it happynnis the said Villiam decess effoir his vif, Helen, but barnis," in that case he binds himself, his heirs, &c., to give again to her 170 merks that he got with her or "sa mekil as he happynnis to get effoir his decess of her tochyr gud." The parties appoint Mr. James Rolland, Mr. William Arthour and Mr. Thomas Harvy as procurators for fulfilling the premises. Done in the notary's chamber 31st October 1556. Witnesses, Andrew Dovny, Michael Downy, Villzam Banegaw, Laurence Symsoun, Alexander Duncan, Gavin Adesoun and James Adesoun, 37b.

170. Memorandum narrating that John Pittinbrog, bailie in that part of Robert, Abbot of Balmerinocht, as appeared by his precept, gave sasine, by earth and stone, to John Smyth, attorney of William Huggoun, of the lands of Ouir Pitgrunze, in terms of a charter. Done on said lands 1st December 1556. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, Sir John Bonar, Andrew Forrat, Andrew Lundy, Andrew Huggoun and Walter Lowdoun, 38b.

171. The same day, John Smytht, bailie in that part of William Huggoun of Ovir Pitgrunze, as appeared from a precept, passed to the principal messuage of Ovir Pitgrunze and there, by earth and stone, gave sasine of the lands of Ovir Pitgrunze to John Wemys, brother german of Patrick Vemys of Pitbla, in terms of a charter. Same date as above, 39a.

172. Memorandum narrating that James Gilmour made Robert Gilmour tutor testamentar of John Gilmour to the lands of Boundhalf and Marisland, and executor of his goods and intromitter of the goods of said (*sic*) offspring and others perhaps to be begotten by him. Done on 27th January 1557. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, George Andersoun, Henry Andersoun, Jhon Rolland and Andrew Velch, 39a.

173. Note as to protests of Andrew Lundy contained in schedules and breaking of a plate, &c. 39a.

174. Memorandum narrating that Henry Robertsoun, *alias* Sym, constituted Mr. David Gaw and Thomas Harvy procurators to act him, his heirs, &c., in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay 5 bolls with 5 pecks of bear between this and Candlemas 1558, with 24 shillings at that feast; and that Helen Kinlocht appointed the same procurators for paying 2 bolls of bear at Candlemas 1558 to Andro Banegaw, his heirs, &c. The parties, namely, Henry Robertsoun and Helen Kinlocht, on the one part, and Andrew Bangaw and Norman Banegaw, on the other part, for themselves, their heirs, &c., exonerated each other of all sums of money and victuals, excepting only in the preceding act. The said Norman Banegaw, with consent of his father, Andrew Banegaw, renounced his right and title of all the lands of Ouchtyrmukty, which he bought from Helen Kinlocht, and he also renounced all charters and other evidents and writings acted in the books of the Official of St. Andrews or otherwise made. The said Henry Robertsoun, *alias* Sym, acknowledged that he had received 100 merks in part payment of dowry for his marriage with a daughter of Patrick Dempstartoun, and discharged the said Patrick of that sum. Done in the notary's chamber 3rd December 1556. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, James Robertsoun, Michael Downy, John Hog, James Hog and William Bangaw, 39b.

175. Memorandum as follows:—A charter to be made by John Wemis to William Ballingall in Wester Rynd and Issabel Andersone, his spouse, their heirs, &c., of an annual rent of 12 bolls bear, with a peck to each boll, to be uplifted yearly from the lands of Ovir Pitgrunze between Martinmas and Candlemas; the said William giving again to Wemis two reversions

containing the sum of 240 merks, viz., one containing 160 merks for redemption of 8 bolls bear, with a peck to each boll, and the other containing 80 merks for redemption of 4 bolls bear, with a peck to each boll. Another charter to be made by Wemis to Andrew Ballingall in Dunburro and Jonet Downy, his spouse, their heirs, &c., of an annual rent of four bolls bear, with a peck to each boll, to be uplifted from the above lands ; the said Andrew giving to Wemis a reversion containing 80 merks for redemption of 4 bolls bear, with a peck to each boll. John Wemis and Patrick, his brother, shall be acted in the Official's books of St. Andrews to pay to William and Andrew the duty above written, 40a.

176. Memorandum narrating that Henry Hog, executor of Mariota Downy, his mother, relict of the late James Hog, father of Henry, made his brother, James Hog, his assignee in and to the office of executor of the testament of Mariota, for disponing her goods, completing legacies, pursuing her debtors, paying her creditors and generally fulfilling all things contained in the testament. Done on 3rd December 1556. Witnesses, Villiam Banegaw, Michael Downy, John V(e)mes and Patrick Vemys, 40a.

177. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys of Over Pitgrunze, by a grain (or straw?) of bear, gave to William Bangaw and his wife, Isobel Anderson, sasine of an annual rent of 12 bolls bear, with a peck to each boll, to be uplifted yearly from the lands of Ovir Pitgrunze, in terms of charter. Done on said lands 13th December 1556. Witnesses, Patrick Vemys of Pitbla, Alexander Hog, servitor, Andrew Banegaw in Dumbero, Alexander Duncan, student, and John Balfour, student, 40b.

178. The same day, in same manner John Wemys gave sasine to Andrew Bangaw and Jonet Downy, his spouse, of an annual rent of four bolls of bear, with a peck to each boll, from the lands of Ovir Pitgrunze. Same date as above, 40b.

179. Memorandum narrating that John Pait and John Moir appointed Mr. David Gaw, David Dischyntoun and Thomas Harvy to act them in the books of the Official of St Andrews, renouncing the jurisdiction of Dunblane, to pay to Hugh Vilke and his heirs, &c., 20 merks under pain of excommunication, because they had received 20 merks from said Hugh in counted money before the notary and witnesses, with expenses made in the action. Done on 17th January 1556. Witnesses, James Atkin, John Sandris, Gilbert Mertyn and John Balfour, 40b.

180. Memorandum narratng that John Fenesoun and Hugh Fenesoun, his son, appointed Mr. David Gaw, John Broun and Thomas Harvey their procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, to pay to Hugh Vilke 40 merks Scots at Candlemas 1557. Done on 1st February 1556. Witnesses, Laurence Symsoun, John Balfour and Sir Robert Laing, 40b.

181. Memorandum narrating that Agnes Lam resigned her lands, with tofts, houses, &c., in the hands of George Anderson, one of the bailies of Abernethy, in favour of John Broun, her son, with reservation of the franktenement and profits of the same during her life ; which resignation being made the bailie gave sasine, by earth and stone, to the said John Broun, his heirs, &c., under reservation. Done at Abirnethy 27th February 1552. Witnesses, Sir David Donaldsoun, notary, Sir John Lam, John Vemys in Abirnethy, Gavin Allan, John Allan, William Merkal and James Stevin, 41a.

182. Memorandum narrating that James Farfare, bailie in that part of the Abbot of Balmerinocht, by earth and stone, gave sasine to Patrick Vemys, attorney for John Vemys, his brother, of the lands of Over Pitgrunze in

the barony of Abirnethy and sheriffdom of Perth. At Ovir Pitgrunze 8th July 1557. Witnesses, Thomas Atkyn in Brasyd, John Huggoun, John Myllar, *alias* Tailzour, Walter Lowden, Andrew Hugoun, Andrew Huggoun, his brother, and Alexander Duncan, 41a.

183. Memorandum narrating that John Bonar, sacristan of the Collegiate Church [of Abirnethy,?] gave to Mr. James Balfour, treasurer of Glasgow, procurator of Thomas Lummysden, institution or possession of the Prebend of Pitmeddan, with its fruits, rents, profits and emoluments, manse and garden belonging thereto, according to a letter of collation, (dated at Edinburgh 29th May 1557,) made thereupon to him, conferring a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter. Done on 1st June 1557. Witnesses, Sir John Lam, Sir John Smyth, Sir Andrew Velch, Sir William Balfour and Sir Alexander Duncan, 41a.

184. Memorandum narrating that James Avery of Kylquhous obliged himself faithfully to infeft Mr. John Scrymgeour of Myris, his heirs, &c., by charter and sasine, in the lands of Kylquhous and Schuilbradis, without reversion, for a certain sum of money which he acknowledged having received from Mr. John, whom he discharged thereof. For fulfilling the premises he appointed Mr. George Kuik, canon of Dunkeld, Mr. William Fairful and Sir Duncan Maknair his procurators, and Mr. John Spens, Mr. Alexander Mauchan and John Moscrop his procurators before the Lords of Council, to act him in the books of Dunkeld and of the Queen's council respectively, under pain of excommunication. Done at Abirnethy 7th April 1557. Witnesses, William Scrimgeour, Thomas Dundas, Laurence Symsone, Gavin Bane, Alexander Duncan and Robert Scrimgeour, 41b.

185. Memorandum narrating that Walter Pait made his nephew, Alexander Pait *and his father, John Pait* (*sic*), cessioner and assignee to 5 bolls wheat sown, extending to the third grain, price of the boll 20 shillings, *summa* £15, to 15 old sheep price of the peice 8 shillings, *summa* £6, to one chalder of oats sown, extending to three chalders, price of the boll 8s. 4d., sum of the chalder 10 merks, sum of the three chalders £20, sum of the whole £41, in recompense of the dowry of Isobel Condy, spouse of the *late said John Pait and mother of the present Alexander Pait* (*sic*). Done on 9th May 1557. Witnesses, David Cragdale, Jhone Moir, Laurence Symsoun and Alexander Duncan, 41b.

186. Memorandum narrating that Walter Geddas and Effame Largo, his spouse, "hes sworne the grit aitht" that they have received "for the kyndnes of thair tak fra Dauid Pittinbrog and his vif the sowm of sevin scoir of merkis and sexten." Done on 11th June 1557. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, George Anderson, Sir Robert Laing, Thomas Dischingtoun of Kyrkpote, David Castaris in Nethir Reres, and James Grig in Kynconquhair, 41b.

187. Memorandum "to seik ane instrument furth of the prothogall buik that pertenis to Alexander Low xx zeir syne or thairby contening contractt thairin." [*Written on a slip of paper inserted between folios* 41 *and* 42.]

188. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Dischyngtoun of Kyrkpotty and Eufame Carmichel of Balmanno, agreed upon oath to submit themselves to the decreet of Mr. William Abercromby, Peter Strang, and William Mertyn, or any two of them, chosen by the said Thomas, and of David Carmichel, James Carmichel, Mr. John Rolland and Andro Atoun, or any two of them, chosen by Eufame, as arbiters "anent the clame of xii bollis beir clamit be said Eufame fra the said Thomas" conform to her contract (*cf.* No 151, *supra*), and other debateable matters between the

parties. Done on 8th July 1557. Witnesses, David Carmichel of Balmedy, John Vemys in Abirnethy, John Moir, James Dischyntoun and Alan Balvard, 42a.

189. Memorandum narrating that it was agreed betwixt Jhon Rankyn in Marisland and Rychart Styrk, on the one part, and Alexander Low, *alias* Lawson, and Eufame Styrk, on the other part, as follows:—The said Alexander, "in al gudly haist," shall marry the said Eufame "and sal put hir at the nyxt takin of his takis in al his takis, and in al vthir that he happynnis to chist or get in hir tym," for which causes Jhon Rankyn, his heirs, &c., shall pay to Alexander and Eufame, their heirs, &c., the sum of 20 merks at Lammas next, other 40 merks at Martinmas following, £20 at Martinmas 1558, and at Martinmas 1559 20 merks, in complete payment of 110 merks; and Rychart Styrk, his heirs, &c., shall pay to Alexander and Eufame, their heirs, &c., at Martinmas 1560 £20, and other ten merks at Martinmas 1561 in complete payment of 40 merks. Eufame, with consent of Rychart Styrk, her brother and "tutor of law," renounced her title and possession and other letters made to her thereupon, putting Jhon Rankyn in her place, and she also discharged him of all sums of money, "gud, corn, catel, clething and insycht" contained in the first contract made between her, the said Jhon Rankyn and the late Vilzam Rankyn, his son, and that for the said sum of 110 merks, to be paid to her, her husband and their heirs, &c., as above written. She also discharged the said Rychart Styrk, her brother, his heirs, &c., "of her barnis part of gudis and of all sowmis of money, corn, cattel, clething or gudis or insycht gudis, that sche mycht clame be the testamentis and legasy othir of hir fathir or moder." They appointed Mr. David Gaw, Andrew Vilsoun and John Broun procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to fulfil the premises, &c. "And the said Alexander promittis to leif to the said Effame his dedis part, and sche siclik to hym." Done at Marisland 19th July 1557. Witnesses, Rychard Maxvel, John Haukistoun, James Clerk, David Duncan in Jhonestoun, Robert Lummisden of Coylse and Patrick Rankyn of Ouchtermukty, 42a.

190. Memorandum narrating that John Moir was content that his mother, Margaret Trumbil, "instantly bruik his auchttane part of Abirargze that he gat fra Vat Geddes" (*cf.* No. 88, *supra*), and that "sche dispone on Marisland instantly and bruik the samyn as sche plesis, and giffis his kyndnes of the saidis landis to his modir to bruik or dispone apon to quhom sche plesis, and that I do for plesour of my moder." He was to remove "the cobil quhen he plesis and the kyl to stand styl to the gud vif; and the gud vif is content siklik instantly to giff to Jhon Moir, hir sone, all and hail hir auchtane part of Abirargze," with houses, &c., "that sche and her husband brukit in thair tymes that ves Jhon Moris fadir, and the gud vif and hir sone took instruments." Done on 16th October 1558. Witnesses, James Scot, Thomas Villiamesoun, Jhone Pait and Thomas Moir, 42b.

191. Memorandum narrating that John Moir and David Fyff appointed Gaw, Dischyngtoun and James Rolland their procurators to act them as sureties for David Carmichel of Balmady to pay the sum of 170 merks Scots to Eufame Carmichel, lady of Balmanno, her heirs, &c., at Michaelmas in September 1559, which sum the said David received from her in counted money; and that he appointed the same procurators to act him to indemnify his cautioners in the books of the Official of St. Andrews. Done on 24th October 1558. Witnesses, John Vemis, John Bonetavern, Patrick Carmichel and Thomas Clerk. 42b.

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192. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Geddas, the relict of John

Bonetavern, and Robert Bonetavern and John Bonetavern, her sons, "al in ane voce," set and let to Isobel (or Elizabeth) Balvard and her assignees "ane akir of land, ane rig callit Jhones dail, ane rig in the Veitland that David Blyth had, and ane rig that Dave Blyth had in Ramoir and ane rig in the Leg crocht," for 6 pence a year to be paid to the said Margaret, entry to the acre being at this date and to endure till the sum of 17 merks be paid to the said "Elizabetht," her executors, &c. In case Elizabeth "bruik nocht the said akir peceabill ay and quhil sche be pait, the saidis Margaret, Robert and Jhon makis hir thair assignee to xvii merkis of thair rediast gudis" and the same three persons faithfully promise to give their "kyndnes" of the lands, occupied by Margaret, to the said Elizabeth before any other, the "rowm" not to be put from herself, "sche giffand als mekil as thai may have for ane vthir." They appointed Mr. David Gaw, John Broun and James Rolland as procurators. "And the said Robert gif he cumis nocht hame giffis his kyndnes to his modir and to his brothir, and gif he cumis hame Robert sal pay the xvii merkis (to) Elizabeth or he have ony intromissioun wyth his moder tak for his moder liftym." Done on 4th August 1557. Witnesses, John Vemys, Peter Balvard and John Bontavern, 43b.

193. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Pitcarne of Innernethy, bailie in that part of Thomas Ross of Ballingcrocht, gave, by earth and stone, to Mr. John Spens of Condy sasine of the lands of Pitvessy, Fydlairland and Ballingcrocht in terms of a precept, (dated at Edinburgh 18th August 1557,) by Thomas Ross, lord of the property of the said lands, directed to Andrew Pitcarn of Innernethy and Patrick Vemys of Pitbla, narrating that he had alienated to the said Mr. John Spens, his heirs, &c., his said lands of Ballingcrocht, Fydlairland and Pitvessy, with pastures and other privileges contained in the old infeftment granted to his predecessors, lying in the barony and regality of Abernethy and sheriffdom of Perth, and desiring his bailies to give sasine accordingly. Sasine given on said lands on 22nd August 1557. Witnesses to the sasine, George Arnot, rector of Esse, John Schaw in Lathangze, Patrick Vemis of Pitbla, John Vemis of Ovir Pitgrunze, Christopher Setoun, John Vemis in Abirnethy, John Smyth, there, Sir Robert Criste and Sir John Bonar. Witnesses to the precept, Thomas M'Calzeane, burgess of Edinburgh, John Douglas, Michael Schaddo and Peter Hewat, 43b.

194. Memorandum narrating that John Smyth "tuik instrument in the provest vynd that George Anderson callit him ane theif, and George said he callit him lik ane theif that tuik his corn of his rig under silence of nycht and pat it apon his rig, &c., without ordour of law as wes allegit." Same date as above, 44a.

195. Memorandum narrating that John Vemys obliged himself to come to St. Andrews and act himself to pay Mr. Henry Lummysden 14 merks "and twa merk, in vil of the persoun," for his teind of Kynchtis-potty of crop of year 1557. Done on 16th September 1557. Witnesses, John Huggoun and Andro Lummysden, 44a.

196. Memorandum narrating that David Fif and John Pitcarn became cautioners for David Duncan in Vester Dron, for paying to David Vemys of Vestyr Dron at the feast of St. Andrews 17 bolls 2 pecks bear, 5 bolls 3 firlots meal, and 3 bolls 3 firlots and ½ peck wheat of crop 1556; and to pay at Candlemas next a chalder of meal, 14 bolls bear and six bolls wheat of crop 1557. They constituted Mr. David Gaw and Mr. Robert Kilpount their procurators to fulfil the premises, under pain of excommunication. David Vemys relaxed the arrestment of caution and David Duncan acted the said caution by the same procurators. Done on 2nd October 1557. Witnesses, John Vemys, Alexander Inch, David Vemys, Captain David Fyf, John Pitcarn, David Duncan, Vat Stevin, William Donaldsoun, Villiam Fife and Thomas Pitcarn, 44a.

197. Memorandum narrating that William Huttissoun and Elizabeth Lesslie constituted Gaw, Harvy and Rolland as procurators to act them in the books of St. Andrews to pay Thomas Sanzeour in Balvard 20 merks at Midsummer 1558. Done on 27th December 1557. Witnesses, John Huttissoun, George Vischart and John Ymre, 44b.

198. Memorandum narrating that it is agreed between John Pittinbrog and Mirabel Pittinbrog, on the one part, and John Huggoun, on the other part, as follows :—John Huggoun shall marry the said Mirabel, and shall put her in the half of the land of Nethir Pitgrunze, in liferent and conjunct fee thereof, at John Pittinbrog's expense, for which marriage, &c., the said John Pittinbrog shall pay to John Huggoun, his heirs, &c. the sum of 200 merks Scots, that is, at Whitsunday next 25 merks, at Martinmas following 25 merks, and thereafter 25 merks at each Whitsunday and Martinmas until the 200 merks are completely paid, William Forfare, John Duncan, David Pittinbrog, and Peter Pittinbrog becoming sureties for the payment by John Pittinbrog, who obliged himself to keep them scatheless of the hands of John Huggoun. "And gif it sal happyn the said Jhon Huggoun to decesse effoir his moder and Mirabel, his vif, to leif, Helen Clune, Jhonis moder, sall sustene the said Mirabel and hir barnis for the said Helen liftym ; and the said Helen sal sustene the said Jhon, his vif and thare barnis, in bedding, burding, clething and al necessaris as efferis to thare degre for the said Helenis liftym ; and gif (it) sal happyn the said Jhon Huggoun nocht to have ane son, that John Pittinbrog obliss him to marry his son that happynis to bruik his tak of Abirargeis uvir and neder, wyth the said Jhon Huggonis dochtir that happynnis as bettir chaip fourty merk than he may have otheris, and albeid sche be nocht ayre, Jhonis son sal mary hir and sal have Jhonis Pittinbrog son bettir chaip xl merk bettir na ane othir.' For observing the premises, the parties and cautioners and John Pittinbrog to relieve his sureties, constituted Gaw, Dischyngtoun and John Brown, their procurators, to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews. [*Part of the memorandum is scored out and is said to be deleted by the parties with consent of their heirs, executors and assignees.*] Done at Abernethy 15th February 1557. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, William Far, William Farfar, John Duncan, David Pittinbrog, Andrew Huggoun, Thomas Sanzeour and Petir Pittinbrog, 44b.

199. Memorandum narrating that it was appointed between William Pitcarn and Thomas Senzeour, as follows :—William sets to Thomas and his assignee of "no heare degre ne he" an "auchtane part" of Drungy, which "Thom Bene" occupied, "wyth new broikyn out land," for five years following entry at this date, and to "induir quhill the fif zeir be compleitly runnyn efter his intres, and gif he brukis ane crop efter the said fif zeir he sall pay fiftene firlotis of meyl and v firlotis of beir for the sext crop." For which five years tack Thomas shall pay to William eleven merks and a half within 15 days after this date, and another 11½ merks at the next "ruid day" (3rd May?) ; "and the said Villiam sal caus his tenentis of Drungy to help the said Thomas to teyl and harrow his said auchtane part," and shall find Patton Pittindarchte and Martyn Brown as cautioners to Thomas "to pay to him alsmekil of money as the said Thomas vantis throw nocht bruking of his takis," and shall cause them to be acted therefore. Same date as preceding, 45a.

200. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Lam, residing "sub gradu," resigned all her lands in the hands of John Vemys, one of the bailies of Abernethy, in favour of her son, John Carmichel ; which resignation being made the bailie gave sasine to him, by earth and stone, of said lands, lying in the burgh of Abirnethy on the south side of the burgh, between the lands of John Duncan on the west, of Agnes Lam on the east, of Jonet Lam on the south, and the common street on the north. Done on the

last day of February 1557. Witnesses, David Carmichel of Balmade, William Huttissoun of Balbyn, John Moyr, John Huttissoun, Thomas Andersoun, and Alexander Atkin, 45b.

201. Memorandum narrating that John Sleycht constituted David Gaw, John Broun and Thomas Harvy to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, to pay to Alexander Ymre in Abirargzhe 4 merks at Candlemas next, under pain of excommunication. Done on 3rd April 1557. Witnesses, Peter Balvard, Archibald Carmichel, John Hyl, servitor, Ville Criste and Vilzam Criste, 45b.

202. Memorandum narrating that David Duncan in Vestir Dron, bailie in that part of John Vemis of that Ilk, (in terms of a precept in a charter dated at Elcho 28th April 1558), personally passed to the ground of the lands of Hyldrone, and there, by earth and stone, gave sasine and possession to John Aitoun of Dunmuyr of the said lands of Hyldrone, lying in the barony of Vester Vemis and sheriffdom of Fife. Done on 27th May 1558. Witnesses, Thomas Thomsoun in Vestir Drone, Robert Scot, there, Andrew Da, there, and James Adesoun in Kintullo, 45b.

203. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Tennand, brother uterine of the late Quintin Gibsone, remitted, for himself and all his friends, the slaughter of Quintin done by Thomas Cunnyngham, and that according to letters of slains made thereupon. Done on 22nd March 1557. Witnesses, Andrew Leslie, Master of Rothes, Andrew Murray of Arnegosk William Murray, Walter Balvard, John Clapen, Henry Ballincankcol and the notary, 45b.

204. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Quhyt, a poor man, dolefully explained how he was coming on the street of Edinburgh on 10th June at two hours before sunset, when William Sym and Mr. Thomas Scot compelled him "to pas to ane lugeyn wyth thame, and thare thai bostit and manist him under the pane of his lif" to renounce his right and title in the action depending before the lords of council between him and William Sym, and that all he did there before a notary he did under compulsion and for fear of his life. He further showed that Sym and Scot held him all night with them against his will until they compelled him "to say and confess it as he said befoir the said notair; quharfor quhovsone the said Thomas Quhit ves fre of thair cumir, he cam befoir me, notair, and renunceit and revokit solemply al and quhatsumevir he did befoir the said notair to that effect, that he and his party and procurator may have his rycht ondirogat that he may persew his action befoir the lordis or the said compulsion ves don of compulsion, and thai birlit vyn on him and gart him vaucht quhil he ves ful of vyn and ves drunkin, and than thai compellit and seducit him to do that he did to Villiam Sym befoir the said notair." Done on 13th June 1558. Witnesses, Patrick Vemis of Pitbla, Sir John Bonar, Sir Robert Laing and Sir John Lam, 46a.

205. Memorandum narrating that John Henderson in Carpow, by staff and baton, resigned his lands, with houses, &c., in the hands of Andrew Pitcarn, one of the bailies of the barony and regality of Abirnethy, in favour of Elizabeth Duncan in her virginity, for good of marriage to be made betwixt them, after which resignation the bailie, by thatch and turf, gave sasine to Elizabeth of said lands, for her lifetime, as part of her dowry. Done on 21st July 1558. Witnesses, Sir Robert Criste, presbyter, George Andersoun, bailie of the burgh of Abirnethy, John Lam, serjeand, and Henry Talezour, 46a.

206. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Duncan in Carpow appointed Mr. David Gaw, Mr. John Broun and James Rolland his procurators to act him in the books of the Official of St. Andrews principal to pay to Hugh

Vilke, his heirs, &c., the sum of 20 merks Scots at Christmas next; which 20 merks he acknowledged to have received from Hugh in loan. Done on 26th January 1558. Witnesses, James Allan, John Orknay and Jhon Ymre, 46a.

207. Memorandum narrating that Mariory Allasoun and George Vale for his interest, on the one part, and John Styrk, on the other part, agreed upon oath to underly the decreet of Richart Maxvel, Pait Maxvel, Pait Rankin and James Reid, or any two of them, chosen for John Styrk, and of John Balvard, John Smyth, John Moir and George Anderson, or any two of them, chosen for Mariory Allasoun and George Vale, and of William Bonare of Rossy and Alexander Blair, chosen oversman by the parties, in the cause and action as to the claim and pursuit of one seventh part of Lumbany, claimed by Mariory and her spouse from John Styrk, and all other matters debateable betwixt them. The parties and the arbiters shall compear in Abirnethy on 31st May, the next diet to be at Ouchtermukty on a day to be fixed and the arbiters to give decreet between this date and Lammas next. Done on 19th May 1558. Witnesses, William Bonar of Rossy, Sir Robert Criste, Sir John Smyth, John Bonar, Henry Bonar and John Pitcarn, 46b.

208. Memorandum narrating that Michael Lorymare obliged himself to pay to Robert Gorthy the sum of 40 shillings at next, 10 shillings at Palm Sunday, 10 shillings at Midsummer, 10 shillings at Martinmas and 10 shillings at Candlemas. Done at Abirnethy 7th February 1558. Witnesses, Gavin Bane, Alexander Duncan, John Balfour and Laurence Symsoun, 46b.

209. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Lesslie and William Huttissoun, her spouse,[1] Alexander Allesoun, younger, Thomas Allason and Sir James Scot became cautioners for the said Elizabeth and William to pay to Thomas Senzeour 100 merks within four years following, namely, each year 25 merks until the whole sum be paid, and for doing so, they constituted Gaw, Rolland and Broun procurators to act them in the books of the Official of St. Andrews, under pain of excommunication. Patrick Vemys, Andrew Banegaw, Alexander Allasoun, younger, Thomas Allasoun, James Scot and John Huttissoun became cautioners for paying to Sir (?) Thomas Senzeour, his heirs, &c., four bolls beir, three pecks and four bolls of meal, sufficient market measure and stuff, until the annual rent of Balbin (*cf.* No. 26, *supra*) be redeemed, in terms of a reversion to be made thereon, and they appointed the same procurators to act them, &c., as did also Elizabeth and William to act them for relief of their cautioners, and to pay the 100 merks as well as the 8 bolls of victual. Elizabeth and William make their six cautioners assignees of their goods for their relief. Done on 20th July 1558. Witnesses, Jhon Moir, Alexander Ban, Sir William Andersoun and George Andersoun, 46b.

[1] *Sic*, but something omitted here.

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